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Debate on the Address is Continued at Yesterday's Sittings.

Mr. Macdonald Leader of Opposition Makes His Maiden Speech.

The Premier Traverses Arguments of Opponents in Splendid Speech.

(Third Day.)

Mr. Speaker took the chair yesterday promptly at 2.17 p.m.

Prayers were read by the Ven. Archdeacon Scriven.

The adjourned debate in reply to the address of his honor was taken up first.

Mr. Macdonald, leader of the opposition, hoped that he should acquit himself as well as had the hon. member for Ymir in moving the address. As far as the hon. member for Ymir was concerned he, Mr. Macdonald, had no complaints to make personally, but there were one or two points in his remarks which he should like to criticize. There was now a new era in the politics of this province and he hoped the new blood which had been added to the provincial legislature would prove to be a great improvement upon that which it had replaced. The present government, he declared, was unstable and could not depend upon the support either of the House or of the country in carrying out its policy. As for the straight party line system, it had been in operation in other provinces for many years and in the parliament of the mother country for ages. Coming to the address, he commented that it was remarkable, not so much for what it contained as for what it did not contain. Apart from a few inconsequential references about railways, etc., the address might be summed up in two words—taxation and borrowing. He was not reflecting upon his hon. friends opposite, who had undertaken to solve the financial difficulties, which they admit, and everybody admits, are now facing the province, and the government proposed to do this by borrowing and increasing taxation. The mode of borrowing this money is not set forth specifically in the address itself, but some knowledge as to the method had been gained subsequently. He then criticized that method and thought that a shorter period than ten years should have been adopted, because money was high just now and it might be less in say three years, during which a temporary loan could be had, when a loan of one million might then be borrowed. In the interim, by economic management, the province might be placed on so sound a basis that it could go to the money markets of the world and borrow that sum at advantageous rates, perhaps 3 1-2 per cent. The hon. member then spoke at considerable length on the 2 per cent. tax on ores, and complained bitterly of the injustice which, he alleged, had been done to the mining industry throughout the province. The present government had evidently no intention of lightening the burden on the mining industry, and he charged the government with inconsistency and being untrue to its pre-election pledges. He then spoke of the rise of the Kootenays by the development of the mines there, and how the opening up of that country had encouraged the introduction of capital and labor; the conditions would have been much better today had the mining laws been what they should have been. He complained that all classes of mining were struck at by the existing law; the large companies had found their expenses, beginning with that of incorporation, considerably increased and had caused the extinguishment of 90 per cent. of those development companies. In defence of those laws it had been said that those companies were dishonest and existed only to fleece the people. For himself he could say, as one having experience of those companies, that not ten per cent. of these company promoters were dishonest. Mr. Macdonald then went on to speak at considerable length of the injustice of existing taxation on the mining industry of the province, and said that it was preventing the proper development of the mining industry of British Columbia. The amount of taxation imposed upon the mines of the province was six times greater than that imposed upon the provincial railways; thus showing, he claimed, the injustice of the distribution of taxation. The mines paid into the provincial treasury when they were not paying their owners any dividends, whilst the railways, which paid good returns, paid far less. It might be in the interest of the province to exempt the mines from taxation. It might possibly have the effect of bringing in capital and increasing the amount spent in wages, etc., and would thus indirectly return to the provincial treasury. But the mines do not claim total exemption of taxation, but that the taxation should be levied in a fair and equitable manner, so that it would not bear so heavily and unfairly upon one industry. He had no doubt that if a reasonable policy of taxation were adopted toward the mining industry, the amount of revenue would soon be increased, and the government would not be in the position of having to ask the House to raise money by such extraordinary means as treasury warrants. Mr. Macdonald complained of the paragraph in his honor's address appealing to the loyalty and patriotism of the members, and resented it as an affront to the opposition, the loyalty and patriotism of the members of which must be taken for granted, and not in any manner whatsoever questioned. He and his colleagues had no de-

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THORPE'S

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TO BUILD THE TOURIST HOTEL

Main Wing Will be Constructed at Once, Says Mr. F. M. Rattenbury, Whose Plans Have Been Accepted.

A Substantial Seven Storey Building Suggestive of Chateau Frontenac, With Many Elaborate Features.

Work is to be commenced as soon as the plans are completed on the new C. P. R. tourist hotel, a seven-storied building, a picturesque castle effect of the French Renaissance school of architecture which will, to a certain extent, be suggestive of the much-admired Chateau Frontenac.

Mr. F. M. Rattenbury returned last night from Montreal where he has been in consultation with Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the C. P. R., in regard to the Tourist hotel which the Canadian Pacific Railway is to build in Victoria, and with his return the Colonist is able to present to its readers the first published details of the splendid hotel structure which the C. P. R. will erect on the land now being reclaimed at James bay, and which according to Sir Thomas Shaughnessy will be converted into "the beauty spot of Canada."

"The beauty spot of Canada" were the words used by the C. P. R. president in regard to the change he intends to make in the location of the new hotel, "and further," said Mr. Rattenbury last night, "Sir Thomas Shaughnessy impressed upon me to bear in mind that all that he had promised to do in Victoria he intended to do. He intended to carry out his promises to the city of Victoria to the last tittle and jot".

Mr. Rattenbury was authorized by the C. P. R. president to engage at once an eminent experienced engineer to decide upon the plan of the foundations necessary for a substantial stone building, such as that to be erected by the C. P. R. The matter of foundation will be fully considered and this work will be done carefully and substantially. Then the plans and working drawings being competed while the foundation is being laid, the work will be carried to completion without delay.

For the present one wing will be built, the main wing seven stories high and 230 feet front by 200 feet deep. This wing is three sides of a square, as it were, being the front portion overlooking the harbor and containing all the public rooms and bedrooms for 175 guests. The remaining wing, which will be at the rear, at the Douglas street side, will, when completed, be solely devoted to bedrooms, bringing the accommodations of the hotel to 350 bedrooms, and all the public rooms will be built to accommodate that number of guests as stated.

The building will to a certain extent follow the lines suggested in the sketch published in the Colonist some time ago. While it does not differ to a very material extent from the picturesque building shown in the sketch referred to, there are some alterations, for the plans have been thoroughly revised and reconsidered, and there have been some alterations in the grouping of the building. It will be of the French Renaissance style and will to some extent suggest the Chateau Frontenac, although it will be more symmetrical in appearance than the well-known Quebec hotel.

The new tourist hotel will be a seven-story building of cut stone, gray sandstone, dressed and rock faced, with a slanting slate roof made of slates from the quarries of Jarvis inlet in British Columbia, and the stone will be taken from British Columbia quarries. The front of the hotel facing the harbor and the wall, in the centre of which will be the main entrance, will have square towers rising at either end, with snuffer turrets of the baronial style and dormer windows adding to their picturesque effect, while dormer windows will rise from the cornice a story above, a long gallery running from tower to tower, and below three stories of windows, another wide veranda will cross from tower to tower with arched entrance ways leading to the main entrance in the centre of the building. The sides of this wing now to be constructed, which, as stated, will occupy the three sides of the square, with a palm garden in the central space, and when the other wing is added extending across the rear of the building it will shut in this garden.

Entering the building by the main entrance a large hall will be constructed, which will be treated in the Old English style. This entrance hall will be paneled in oak, and have large old English fireplaces. The windows will overlook the harbor, and this room, which will be furnished and designed without regard to cost, will form a most comfortable lounging place for tourists.

Through archways opening from the entrance hall will be reached a large palm garden with glass roof. Generally speaking this will be treated in Chinese style, in red and gold with quaint Chinese carvings, frescoes and decorations. This room will be a characteristic feature of the hotel. It will be used as a lounging room, for afternoon teas and informal gatherings for business or pleasure.

The dining room, which will be fifty feet by one hundred and fifty, will be a fine room. It will be nobly and richly treated with paneled ceiling, carvings and frescoes, nothing quaint, but a superbly arranged and elaborate room. Also on the ground floor there will be a ladies' saloon, which will be oval in shape, and which will be decorated and arranged in the Marie Antoinette style.

There will also be on the ground floor a comfortably arranged and luxuriously furnished reading room and library. This room, with Inglenook fireplaces, will be one of the features of the hotel. It is a distinct feature of the Touraine hotel in Boston, which is one of the best tourist hotels in the East. Much assistance will be given in the matter of decorations and arrangement by Mrs. Hayter Reed, wife of the manager of the Chateau Frontenac, who has already displayed charming taste in decorating and furnishing the Chateau Frontenac.

In the basement there will be a German grill room, which will be entered from the entrance in the tower at the north side of the front of the building, a billiard room and a large Turkish lounging room and bar. This Turkish room will be similar to that which is such a marked feature of the Hotel Portland, for Mr. Rattenbury has visited a number of first-class American hotels and thus been enabled to note any feature which will add to the detail of the new building. In the basement also there will be a large Turkish bath, which will be fully equipped.

The upper floors—there will be five above that with all the public rooms, will be devoted to bedrooms, and these rooms will be large and with the three desiderata of hotel bedrooms, namely open fireplaces, large cupboards and with well-fitted bath rooms opening off each room. All the rooms will be lighted direct, there being no "inside rooms." One feature of these rooms will be the direct elevator service from the kitchen to allow of meals being served in the rooms.

The grounds will be laid out in the best manner by the most expert landscape gardeners. In fact, as stated, Sir Thomas Shaugnessy says he intends to make the hotel the "beauty spot of Canada." Work will be carried out at once on the working plans and Mr. Rattenbury will lose no time in securing the opinion of an expert engineer in regard to the foundation work, which, as is obvious, will be necessary to be carefully carried out so that it may safely carry such a substantial structure. After that opinion has been obtained it will not be long before the stonecutters are at work dressing the stone for the big building and the builders are putting that in place.

While in Montreal Mr. Rattenbury was also instructed to take over the work of completing the decoration and interior fittings of the fine liner Princess Victoria, and so impressed was he with the work carried out under the supervision of Capt. Troup on the Princess Beatrice, on which he came to Victoria last night, that he said he could not do better than follow the general design of the work on that steamer.

Mr. Rattenbury said he heard the highest encomiums expressed by Sir Thos. Shaughnessy and officials of company in regard to the Princess Beatrice, which is a Victoria production other than the machinery built in Scotland, and the general impression of the C. P. R. officials is that the work on the Princess Beatrice is of far more excellence than they expected. The fittings, in the opinion of Mr. Rattenbury, were the most charming he had seen on any vessel, and although there are no imposing features, the general character of the work is most artistically done. As he stated, he felt when he saw the work done on the Princess Beatrice, he could scarcely do better than follow out the same general design on the Princess Victoria.

COTTON WAGES REDUCED.

Thirty-eight Thousand More Textile Operators Have Their Pay Cut.

Boston, Nov. 30.—The wages of about 38,000 cotton textile operatives were reduced today. This addition brings the total number in New England whose pay has been cut this fall to about 64,000, and the cut that takes effect in New Bedford next Monday will swell the number to about 75,000 and complete a general reduction in Southern New England cotton mills. The cut averages ten per cent. Today practically every cotton mill in Rhode Island, where there are about 2,400,000 spindles, adopted the schedule. In that state nearly 20,000 operatives are affected and the new order of things mean a loss of fully $2,000 weekly in wages. The reports received today indicate that the new schedules were received without any serious outburst.

DISTURBANCES IN ARMENIA

Times Correspondent Reports Alarming State of Affairs in Asia Minor.

London, Nov. 30.—The Times Russian correspondent says disturbances are reported in all the Russian provinces of Armenia. Conflicts are occurring everywhere between the people and the troops or police. The chief cause of the outbreaks is the decree by which the property of the Armenian church was handed over to the government. The Moscow corresopndent of the Times reports alarming disaffection among the working classes in Keiff. The police force has been largely increased. The governor-general threatens summary punishment for persons circulating rumors likely to accentuate apprehension among the inhabitants.

AUDITOR ARRESTED.

Douglas, Wyo., Nov. 30.—Chas. Weston, state auditor of Nebraska, who was arrested here at the request of the Natrona county authorities on charges connected with the closing of the Denecke Bank, of Casper, in which he is interested, says the affairs of the bank will be adjusted to the entire satisfaction of the stockholders. A message from Casper says that the stockholders will settle in full with the depositors and will immediately reorganize the bank into a national institution.

CANADIAN SHEEP AND LAMBS.

Walk Off With a Chicago Prize List—Unfair Customs Restrictions.

Chicago, Nov. 30.—Canadian sheep and lambs took off the twelve prizes awarded at the National stock show for entries in two classes, and the exhibitors from the province of Ontario point to this in connection with the refusal of the St. Louis people to recognize the stud and herd books of Canada.

Of this international complication, Garnett C. Porter, a prominent visitor from Ottawa, says: "The Canadian exhibitors are much concerned over the proposed changes in the United States customs regarding the entrance of stock from the Dominion. So intense is the feeling in Canada just now that the government has formally declined to make any display at the St. Louis fair, notwithstanding that $100,000 has been appropriated to pay freight on the animals which were to have been sent to St. Louis."

FEAR EARTHQUAKE.

Venezuelapn City Enveloped in Sulphurous Smoke and Population Alarmed.

Caracas, Venezuela, Nov. 30.—For nearly three days past the city of Cumana, state of Bermudese, on the Gulf of Carica, has been enveloped in sulphurous smoke. The origin of the phenomena cannot be explained. The inhabitants of the place number about 10,000 are afraid to leave their houses. A committee is engaged in investigating the matter. Cumana already has been destroyed six times by earthquakes.

MINERS ORDERED OUT.

Officers of Unions Declare a Strike in Utah Coal Fields.

Scofield, Utah., Nov. 30.—All the coal mining camps in the district were placarded with official notices of the United Mine Workers of America this morning, declaring a strike in the Utah coal fields and calling on all miners to cease work. Fhom now on a systematic fight for the demands of the miners will be made under the direction of the union. The five days' notice of eviction served on the striking miners occupying houses on leased company ground expired today and guards armed with rifles made a house to house call demanding that the houses be vacated. No disturbances are reported to have resulted. The habeas corpus proceedings in the case of Organizer Charles De Molli under thirty days' sentence for disturbing the peace, came up today. A strong effort will be made by union officials to secure his release.

BRUTAL MURDER IN CHICAGO CITY

Restaurateur Pistols Customer For Five Cents, and Throws Body Out.

Chicago, Nov. 30.—Because he was short 5 cents in settling for his breakfast, Marches Sheehan, a guard on the elevated road, wasu shot and killed by James Bergamus, proprietor of a Canal street restaurant. Sheehan said he would pay the nickel later Bergamus, with the declaration "You'll pay now or never leave this house," drew a revolver and without a warning word shot Sheehan in the head, killing him instantly. Throwing Sheehan's body on the sidewalk he locked up the place and fled.

VIOLENT GREEK STUDENTS.

Athens, Nov. 30.—Violent opposition among the university students here to the performance of the plays of Aeschylus in modern Greek led to serious disorders Saturday night. The students tried to force an entrance into the royal theatre and were charged upon by cavalry. One of the students was killed and a number of others were injured.

CHICAGO BANDIT PLANS ESCAPE

Fakes Interview With Inspector And is Neatly Foiled By Police.

Chicago, Nov. 30.—Chief of Police O'Neil has frustrated a plan by which Neidermier, one of the car-barn bandits, sought to escape from Harrison street station. As a result of the incident the police today redoubled the guard over Neidermier's cell. Neidermier arranged to meet Chief of Police O'Neill alone in Inspector Laugin's office, ostensibly to make a number of confessions, and while gesticulating in illustration try to leap through the window to the street. His plan was learned and O'Neill before permitting the interview stationed three armed detectives outside the window. Neidermier seeing his plan was checked signified that the interview need not go further and that he was ready to return to his cell.

CABBAGES DANGEROUS.

Schenactady, N. Y., Nov. 30.—Dominick Camerak, an Italian laborer living in this city, is dead, and Dominick Maushrell and wife are at the hospital and will probably die as the result of ptomaine poisoning. They were poisoned by eating cabbage cooked in an unclean saucepan. All three were taken ill within an hour after eating, and Camerak died within three hours.

SERVIA'S U. S. MINISTER.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 30.—The United States government has given directions looking to the recognition of King Peter Karageorgevitch of Servia. Mr. Jackson already has received his credentials as minister of the United States to Belgrade. The fact that Mr. Jackson is also minister to Greece and Roumania is said to account for the delay in establishing relations with Servia.

HUNGARIAN DISORDERS.

Budapest, Nov. 30.—Count Tisza, the Hungarian Premier, failed in his attempt to hold two sittings of the chamber on Saturday. The opposition tried to howl the Premier down, assailing him with personal insults. At the close of the sittings, which lasted nine hours, Count Hedervary, Count Tisza's predecessor as Premier, announced that he would support Count Tisza in his attempt to crush the obstruction by force.

COMMON SENSE NOW PREVAILS

Coal Miners Are Taking Rational Steps Following Upon the Light of Reason.

Denver, Colo., Nov. 30.—Nearly two-thirds of the two thousand miners of the northwestern Colorado coal fields resumed work today, and it is expected that within a week or two the full force will be at work, making the regular production of 4,000 tons daily in this district. The announcement of the settlement of the strike in the northern district was the cause of general rejoicing in all business circles, for it means an end to the coal shortage, which has threatened not only every industry in the state, but has made necessary to many families the strictest economy possible in the use of fuel. Hopes are entertained also that the conference to be held on Wednesday at Trinidad between President Mitchell and the officials of the district 15, United Mine Workers, will lead to a settlement of the strike in the southern fields.

Big Boulder On the Line

Grand Trunk Pacific Officials Not Yet Provided the Axle Grease.

Serious Omission Reported in the Terms of the Preliminary Contract.

B. C. Cases In Supreme Court ---Mr. Sutherland's Nephew Gets a Big Plum.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 30.—At the cabinet meeting today the question of the failure of the Grand Trunk Pacific promoters to put up the requisite deposit of $5,000,000 within the stipulated time, was discussed, and it was decided not to make an announcement on the subject until General Manager Hays arrives in England. It transpires that the government stipulated no penalty, nor was there any forfeiture clause put in the agreement for failure to comply with this important provision.

The following judgments in British Columbia appeals were given by the Supreme court today: Turner vs. Cowans, appeal allowed; Hastings vs. Le Roi No. 2, dismissed with costs; Dunsmuir vs. Lowenburg, Harris & Co., appeal allowed with costs and a new trial ordered; O'Brien vs. McIntosh, dismissed with costs.

Major Leckie, who, it will be remembered, was mauled by a leopard in Somaliland, is reported to be doing favorably.

Mr. W. C. Wells, who is visiting in the East, has been recalled to Vankleek Hill, where his mother is seriously ill, thus postponing his return to the coast.

Mr. W. A. Little, of Woodstock, Ont., who has been appointed to adjudicate upon the sealing claims against Russia, turns out to be a young nephew of Hon. James Sutherland, is of only four years' standing at the bar and has had no political or diplomatic experience. It is felt to be a farce to put a second-rate country barrister against a Russian jurist of repute.

Ernest Cashell is to be hanged at Calgary on December 15th for the murder of a rancher named Belt.

Three Chinamen, Sam Chun, Gum Tie and Ah Gum, under sentence of death at Clinton, B. C., for murdering a countryman of theirs, have been reprieved on account of the contradictory nature of the evidence.

The trade and navigation returns were published today.

George Casey, ex-M.P. for West Elgin, died tonight at the Protestant hospital after a fortnight's illness of pneumonia. He represented his county in the Liberal interest for 28 years, but was defeated in 1900, when he ran as an independent Liberal. Recently he was appointed to a clerkship in the library of the parliament.

UNCLE SAM'S NEW GUN.

Washington, Nov. 30.—The board of ordnance and fortifications in its annual report says that the results of tests made with the three-inch rapid-fire gun recommended by the board for adoption by the army, "Show that when equipped with these guns and carriages the field artillery or our army will have a weapon equal if not superior to that of any nation."

British News By The Cable

Competition of Canadian Bounty Fed Iron Viewed With Misgiving.

Mr. Foster Says Canada Should Have Preference Over Hostile Nations.

London, Nov. 30.—(Special.)—The agent-general of New Brunswick, speaking in behalf of Canada, bore testimony to the perfect harmony existing between the French and English-speaking races in the Dominion.

The Manchester Courier, in some suggestions for imperialism, says that interuscal reform perhaps might have been more quickly secured by free trade between England and her colonies than by a revision of the tariff by statesmen representing people whose union may be real as well as sentimental, but certainly not organized in any representative sense. Competition of Canadian bounty-fed iron is viewed here with some misgiving, as all large manufacturers say it is only booming a state of trade that saves the producer from fair competition with Canadian iron and steel.

The C. P. R. intend to establish a service between London and St. John, N. B., via Antwerp.

Mr. Haldane, K. C., M. P. for Glasgow, said that Mr. Chamberlain, instead of informing the public with the result of his consultations with experts, merely repeated his gossip with manufacturers, and made blunder after blunder. Mr. Haldane admitted that large numbers have been attracted by Mr. Chamberlain's personality rather than by his scheme, but that Mr. Chamberlain's personality had a record which required scrutiny.

The Liverpool branch of the Tariff Reform League today held a demonstration in connection with the visit of the Duke of Sutherland and Mr. Foster. The latter, speaking at a luncheon, said that Canada felt that she should have preference over hostile nations in a country she had helped to preserve to the Empire. Speaking afterwards at a meeting of commercial men, Mr. Foster said the colonies asked a return for the preference they had given, and thus unite the whole in a partnership.

It was announced today that the British government has no present intention of pushing the Young-Husband expedition through to L'Hassa, the capital of Thibet, or even to permanently occupy Gyantze.

This repudiation of the designs on L'Hassa, or of a permanent stay in Thibet territory, is understood to be an outcome of the discussion of the cabinet last week, when the attitude of Russia in relation to the expedition was among the principal matters debated. The Russian press has been loud in its protests against "British agression" in Thibet, and there is reason to believe that the protest voiced the feeling of the Russian government.

Magistrate's Very Busy Day

Great Gathering of Nanaimo Law-Breakers--- City Exchequer Benefited.

Mayor Manson May Retire, But the Municipal Aspirants are Many.

Want of Uniformity in Early Closing Causes Nanaimoites Inconvenience.

Nanaimo, Nov. 30.—This afternoon Magistrate Yarwood sent Emmanuel Coundley to jail for one year for shooting at Frank Tropia, and David McCance to one month for assaulting him. This is the net result of a Sunday night fracas in which Coundley was dangerously cut by Tropia, who was sent up for three years last week. There are eight convictions, three out of a party of five young men concerned being in jail, and five saloonkeepers having been heavily fined. The lesson is expected to be of value to others.

Public interest in the approaching municipal elections is beginning to manifest itself. Mayor Manson, who has held office for the last three years, has not expressed himself definitely yet, but states that it is very improbable that he will stand again. Ald. Planta is a strong favorite as his successor, being the oldest of the aldermen and having ten years' service at the council board to his credit. Ald. Knarston, who also has considerable municipal experience, will oppose him should Mayor Manson finally decide against running. So far as is known, all the sitting aldermen will seek re-election, and in two wards at least new men will be nominated, Mr. T. Hodgson, in the North, and Mr. J. A. Macdonald in the Middle Ward. The board changes its personnel very slowly, only two of the present members being there for their first term, and most of them having sat a number of years. Since the fight for the municipalization of the water works no great public issue has presented itself, and municipal contests have in recent years been almost devoid of excitement. It is possible that the question of municipalization of the city scavenging, now done by a contractor, may loom up largely in the absence of anything else to make a campaign over.

On Saturday evening a ten-round glove contest was fought at the Athletic Club by Joe Hubbart, of Nanaimo, and Aaron Stewart, of Northfield, for the local amateur featherweight championship. Both men went at it with possibly more energy than science. Neither, however, suffered much, and the honors were even. Slavin, the ex-champion, who refereed, declaring the fight a draw and complimenting both on the game exhibition they had given. Charles Killeen, another local amateur, had a four-round go with Jack Sullivan, a visiting professional, with whom, much to the delight of the audience, he held his own very successfully. His brother Jake had a bout with Slavin, the local man again doing good work. A few rounds between the professionals concluded an excellent exhibition of the "manly art."

On Saturday evening the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias conferred the third degree on two candidates, and enjoyed a very successful smoker, a number of the brethren taking part in a programme of songs and recitations, which were none the less excellent because of its impromptu character.

The funeral took place on Saturday of Mrs. McMillan, wife of Henry McMillan, of Ladysmith, a native of Ayrshire, aged 59 years. The deceased formerly resided at Wellington and was well known and highly respected throughout the district. The interment took place at Wellington cemetery, the Rev. R. J. Bowen officiating.

The store clerks of Nanaimo work under conditions as to hours which are not satisfactory to themselves, many of their employers or the general public. It has been the custom for some years to give them Thursday afternoon as a half holiday in the summer, but this year one or two firms announced that they would continue the practice all the year round. Other firms, instead of following suit, reduced the daily hours, and still others took no notice of their neighbors and made their own arrangements. It has come to this in Nanaimo that unless a customer studies the advertisements of the various stores, she may find on arriving down town that the one she wishes to patronize is closed, either because its people are taking an afternoon holiday or are running on an early-closing schedule. The Merchants' Employers' Association have taken the matter up and will endeavor to have all stores close at 6 in the evening.

COLLIERIES CLOSE DOWN.

Shamokin, Nov. 30.—The Centralia, Sioux and Mount Carmel collieries, owned by the Lehigh Coal Company closed down this evening for an indefinite period, causing 2,500 men and boys to be thrown out of work. No reason is given for the shut down.

FAVORS CHAMBERLAIN.

Ontario's Premier Advocates Fiscal Policy—Schooner Emerald Lost.

Toronto, Nov. 30.—Hon. G. W. Ross, premier of Ontario, was the guest of the Canadian Club at the club's weekly luncheon today, and delivered a speech in favor of Mr. Chamberlain's fiscal policy, and in opposition to any form of reciprocity with the United States.

There is now no doubt but that the schooner "Emerald" was wrecked in last week's storm on Lake Ontario Portions of wreckage of a schooner, blown ashore at Cobourg, have been identified as coming from the "Emerald." Among those who perished is Mrs. Wright, the cook, from Oswego, who leaves two small children.

"THE PASSION PLAY."

To be Presented at the A. O. U. W. Hall This and Wednesday Evenings.

On this and Wednesday evenings, and also on Wednesday afternoon, "The Passion Play" will be produced at the A. O. U. W. hall for the benefit of the Protestant Orphanage. It is a beautiful illustrated picture of the play as put on every decade at Oberamagau, Germany, by the peasants, and is considered by competent critics to be Edison's masterpiece in the moving picture line. The films are some sixteen or eighteen hundred feet long and in thirteen scenes, and will be produced by Forest Helm, the expert operator of the Edison theatre. Pastors from the different churches will deliver the explanatory lectures.

EX-CITY ATTORNEY'S STARTLING EVIDENCE

Confession Implicates Mayor and Aldermen of Grand Rapids in Boodling.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Nov. 30.—The confession of ex-City Attorney Salsbury in regard to the notorious swindle in this city, was told today in the police court at the preliminary examination of State Senator Burns. According to Salsbury there were six separate water deals on in Grand Rapids at one time, each calling for boodle funds. One, known as the Henry Taylor Lake Michigan deal, had a fund of $100,000 he said. All of the six separate sets of men backing these deals were dupes, he says, of himself, former Mayor Perry, G. Clark Sproat, manager of a newspaper, and Thomas F. McGary, a lawyer.

The persons implicated by Salsbury during his testimony against State Senator Burns and the amounts he alleged they received, are as follows: Geo. B. Perry, ex-mayor, $13,775; Geo. Clark Sproat, manager of the Grand Rapids Democrat, $3,333; R. A. Cameron, New York, $500; State Senator David E. Burns, $200; Alderman McCool, $500; Ald. Ellen, $350; Ald. De Pagler, $350; Ald. Muir, $500; Ald. Kinney, $350; Ald. Donovan, $500; Ald. Phillips, $1,000; Ald. Johnson, $350 or $400; Ald. Stonehouse, $350; Ald. Lozier, $500; Ald. Scriver, $350; Ald. Mols, $350; Ald. Ghysels, $350; Ald. Hodges, $500; Ald. Slocum, $500; Cory Bissells, $500; Russell Thompson, reporter on Evening Press, $500; Isaac Lamoreaux, ex-city clerk, $1,500; State Representative Van Zooren, $350; State Represenattive Vandercook, $60; F. D. Cogenr, manager Grand Rapids Herald, $10,000; Thos. F. McGary, a prominent attorney, now in Florida, $7,500; C. S. Burche, manager of the Evening Press, $5,000.

He also implicated in the water deals Dudley E. Water, ex-president of the board of public works; Dr. Nilke Deries, ex-city physician; Geo. Ellis, a local broker; Samuel M. Lemon, collector of international revenue.

Pat Flynn, of New York, he names as one of those at the head of the scheme. The men interested in the hydraulic water company are named as the backers of another deal in Chicago. There then was a Milwaukee deal, in which he said Contractor Loss, of Chicago, was interested; the Omaha deal, in which the Barton millionaires are said to have put up $50,000, and the Gillespie deal. On top of all these Salsbury implicates Revenue Collector Samuel M. Lemon with a den charging Lemon with coming to him with a proposition to buy the city council after having bought the mayor for $10,000.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Nov. 30.—The hearing in the charges against State Senator David E. Burns, implicated by former City Auditor K. Salsbury in his confession in connection with the bribery of municipal officials and others in the so-called water deal, was begun today in the police court. Salsbury testified that Burns scorned a $200 offer, and made threats to tamper with the bill desired by the promoters unless $5,000 was forthcoming. The $200 was finally paid. Salsbury further testified that the water deal came first to his attention in June, 1900, when Thos. McGarry, a local attorney, told him that he had some clients who needed to get a contract to furnish the city with water, and there would be $5,000 in it for him. Salsbury was driven into the deal, so he confessed, because of a $15,000 shortage in his bank account, and subsequently agreed to do the business for $15,000 cash. The money was sent by H. A. Taylor, of New York, the moneyed man in the deal, to the State bank.

Salsbury proceeded to give evidence as to the alleged connection of certain newspapers with the deal. He said: "I paid Charles S. Burche, of the Evanston Press, $5,000; I also gave J. Clark Sproat, the manager of the Democrat, some money. I was talking of becoming a partner with Sproat, it being understood that I was to use the paper as I wanted."

C. S. Burche, manager of the Evening Press, denies these charges. Mr. Burche states that he received no money from Salsbury or his agents, and that he never received any for the influence of his paper.

POWDER WORKS EXPLODE.

Carthage, Mo., Nov. 30.—The mix house of the Independent Powder Company's plant, five miles southwest of Carthage, blew up this afternoon, instantly killing two mixers and seriously, if not fatally, injuring four other men. The cause of the explosion is not known.

ST. ANDREW'S IN NEW YORK.

New York, Nov. 30.—The 147th annual banquet of the St. Andrew's Society of the state of New York, was held tonight at Delmonico's, 145 being present. Bishop Potter, Andrew Carnegie, President Wilson of Princeton, Sir Percy Sanderson and Charles M. Schwab were among those present.

CUSTOMS COLLECTIONS.

Montreal, Nov. 30.—The customs report from Montreal for the eleven months ended today, total $12,336.99, as compared with $10,077,454.46 last year.

Ottawa, Nov. 30.—The customs receipts of the Dominion for the five months ended November 30, total $17,553,000, an increase of $2,949,254 over the corresponding period of last year.

COW ON TRACK.

C. P. R. Train on Crow's Nest Branch Derailed by Vagrant Bovine.

Nelson, B. C., Nov. 30.—The C. P. R. eastbound train on the Crow's Nest branch ran into a cow Saturday evening near Cranbrook, and was partially derailed, three cars and the engine running off. The engineer was injured and other train employees and the passengers were severely shaken up. No other damage was done.

NEGRO LYNCHING.

Shreveport, La., Nov. 30.—In the presence of a crowd of 1,200 whites and negroes, Phil. Davis, Walter Carter and Clint Thomas, all negroes, were lynched today within a short distance of Belcher. The men were executed for participating in the fatal shooting of Robert Adger, a business man. The negroes confessed, and all three were hanged to a single limb of a tree. Two other negroes were released after proving they had nothing to do with the shooting.

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MORE VICTMS OF KENTUCKY FEUDS

Cowardly Assassin Shoots Father And Son in Their Home.

Louisville, Nov. 30.—A despatch from Hodgensville, Ky., reports the assassination of Squire Osborne and his son, Dave, the fatal wounding of William Gardner and the injury of John Bennett. The alleged murderer, Custer Gardner, a young farmer, was caught at Elizabethtown today after a desperate fight and was lodged in jail at Mumfordville. The men were shot as they sat in their home. The assassin under cover of darkness crept up to a window and placing his Winchester near the glass fired several times. Squire Osborne was a district magistrate. The trouble had its inception in a family quarrel. Gardner has heretofore borne a good reputation.

NEW AMBASSADOR ARRIVES.

Washington, Nov. 30.—Sir Mortimer Durand, the British ambassador, arrived in Washington today. He will call on Secretary Hay tomorrow.

SIR F. J. BRAMWELL DEAD.

London, Nov. 30.—Sir Frederick Joseph Bramwell, former president of the Institution of Engineers and civil member of the ordnance committee since organization 1881, died here today at the age of 85 years.

NEW CRUISERS' TRIAL.

San Francisco, Nov. 30.—The trial trip of the new cruiser Tacoma near Santa Barabar, Cal., today was entirely successful. The vessel made an average of 16.60 knots per hour, the contract speed being 16.50.

SECURITIES COMPANY.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 30.—Attorney A. B. Browne, acting for the Northern Securities Company, today formally submitted to the United States Supreme Court the motions of that company for the dismissal of the suit of the state of Minnesota vs. the Securities company.

HON. BERGERON NOMINATED.

Conservatives Select Candidate for St. James Division, Montreal.

Montreal, Nov. 30.—A large and very enthusiastic Conservative convention tonight nominated Hon. J. S. H. Bergeron for the vacancy in St. James division of Montreal for the Dominion House.

NEW PACING RECORDS.

Macon, Ga., Nov. 30.—Today, in the face of a cold and driving rain and a temperature of 37 degrees, Dan Patch broke the world's record pacing. He lowered the direct record of 2.06 to 2.04¾. Twenty-five minutes later, to the usual track salky, he went two miles in 4.17, lowering Nervola's record of 4.19 by two seconds.

EMPEROR WILLIAM'S HEALTH.

French Physician Called to Potsdam for Consultation.

Paris, Nov. 30.—A report is current here that Dr. Albert Robin, the distinguished French specialist, has been called to Potsdam for consultation with the physicians in attendance on Emperor William.

CZARINA'S CONDITION.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 30.—The following bulletin confirming the condition of the Czarina was issued today: Her Majesty's temperature this morning was 98.43, pulse 64. The discharge from the ear is gradually diminishing, and the local inflammation is decreasing.

MGR. BRUCHESI AMAZED.

On Return from B. C. Archbishop Expresses Amazement at Progress.

Montreal, Nov. 30.—Mgr. Bruchesi, archbishop of Montreal, who has just returned from a trip to British Columbia, has an interview in the papers today in which he expresses himself more than delighted with all he saw. The progress of the country amazed him.

CHURCH AND STATE.

Porto Rican Priest Convicted by Civil Court of Breach of Marriage Law.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Nov. 30.—The Rev. Felipe Villahoz, a Spanish priest of the Catholic church at Humacao, has been convicted by the district court of a violation of the civil marriage law in marrying a couple without a license and has been sentenced to pay a fine of $200 or the alternative of six days in jail. Bishop Blenk, of Porto Rico, has appealed to Governor Hunt to pardon Father Villahoz. This is the first approach to a serious clash between the church and state since the occupation of the island by the United States.

LADYSMITH HOSPITAL.

Public Meeting Decide Cost Shall be Met by Assessment.

Ladysmith, Nov. 30.—A meeting was held in Finn hall on Sunday, November 29th, to further discuss the advisability of building a hospital at Ladysmith. Mr. Pelkey, in speaking for the committee of the accident and burial fund, said he estimated the cost of building the hospital at about $1,500. In order to raise this sum and to maintain the hospital, he suggested that every member of the Accident and Burial Association over sixteen years of age should be assessed at one dollar, those under sixteen at fifty cents. This assessment could be levied twice, and if necessary, three or four times every year. He thought the first two assessments would cover the building expenses. After some discussion the meeting adopted this proposal, and decided that the accident and burial fund committee should at present take the matter in hand and make all necessary preparations.

It is understood that Mr. A. Chamberlain has made a contract with the Tyee Smelter Co. to ship the whole output of the Van Anda mines to Ladysmith. This contract will last for two years, and it is anticipated the yearly output will amount to 15,000 tons.

THE DREYFUS CASE.

The Dossier and the Bordereaux Once More in Evidence.

Paris, Nov. 30.—The general belief in well-informed circles prevails that the commission to pronounce upon the admissability of the request of Alfred Dreyfus for a judicial revision of his case, will submit its conclusions to the minister of justice within a week. The commission will pass on two points, the uses made of the pretended bordereaux, annotated by Emperor William, and the alleged false testimony of Czernuski during the court-martial at Rennes.

In consequence of the agitation following this action taken in the Dreyfus affair, the government has allowed the publication of the declaration made at the last meeting of the council by M. Valle, the minister of justice. The minister communicated to his colleagues the contents of the dossier and the result of the examination made by War Minister Andre and himself.

SYSTEMATIC AND MONUMENTAL GRAFTS

Hawaiian Legislature Accused of Malfeasance By Grand Jury.

Honolulu, Nov. 30.—The federal grand jury reported today accusing the legislature of systematic and monumental "grafting" and recklessness in granting of warrants for work never done, and for excessive overcharges, $50,000 having been spent altogether. The House vouchers, says the report, present an astonishing spectacle.

S. Mahula, the clerk of the House of Representaives, is indicted for the destruction of public documents. Several vouchers in his favor are missing. The grand jury recommends that prosecutions be made in the territorial courts, as it believed the federal courts are without jurisdiction.

NELSON CUSTOMS.

Returns for Month Show Good Total—Supreme Court Opens.

Nelson, Nov. 30.—The customs collections at this point for the month of November amounted to $9,746.31; the value of dutiable goods, $36,178; value of free imports, $18,520.

The Supreme court opens tomorrow morning before His Honor Mr. Justice Martin. The first case to come up will be that of Tracey vs. McKim, in which the plaintiff is suing for moneys received in the sale of an hotel at Whitewater in which she claims to have had an interest.

COMMANDER AT EDMONTON.

Lord Dundonald Heartily Greeted at Prairie City, and is Banqueted.

Winnipeg, Nov. 30.—Edmonton gave a splendid reception to Lord Dundonald on Saturday evening, and a grand banquet was held at the Windsor hotel, tendered by the citizens and city council, board of trade, South African veterans, etc. Lord Dundonald spoke of the rising importance of Edmonton, not only as a commercial centre but also as a military centre. He was presented with an address by the citizens' council and a fine musk head with an inscription mounted in silver, by the citizens. On Sunday a church parade of South African veterans and citizens took place to the Presbyterian church, where the pastor, Rev. Mr. McQueen, preached a special military sermon. He left for the south today.

FREAK REGULATIONS.

People of Westmount, Montreal, Suffer Through Council's Meddling.

Montreal, Nov. 30.—The people of Westmount are out after their council. The city fathers of that suburb the other day passed a bylaw by which the street cars were restricted to a speed of eight miles an hour between crossings, and four miles an hour over crossings. Crossings are very plentiful. The new bylaw went into operation this morning, and the street railway officials, evidently believing in the maxim that the best way to secure the repeal of an unpopular law is to live up to it, started in by instructing their motormen not to run more than five miles an hour in Westmount. The service over a considerable portion of the suburb was also reduced from two and a half minutes to five minutes, the latter being what is called for in the contract. The result of the speed limitation is that the average Westmount citizen now requires ten minutes longer to reach his office or home, and has to wait twice as long for a car. Indignation is intense.

AMUR RETURNS.

Brings Sixty Passengers From the Northland.

Steamer Amur of the C. P. R., reached port on Sunday from the North, after a rough trip. She had sixty passengers, mostly from White Horse and coast ports, many of whom told of the rich finds made in the Askell river district, where, as told, in another column, two new creeks have been discovered and petroleum and coal found. The passengers included the following for Victoria: Wm. Dalby, Jas B. Adam, Jas. Olson, W. Henderson, W. Davies, R. L. Jones, W. Devereaux, Geo. Lough, B. James, P. McLaggan, B. Nickerson and Ed Davies. The arrivals reported that the stages were being delayed. Two arrived a few days before the Amur sailed, which were out more than 20 days from Dawson. Some of the passengers quit the stages at Yukon Crossing, and mushed in, beating the others in several days. Another stage arrived later, which made the trip in six days, 22 hours. She brought 11 passengers, all B. L. K. Co.'s employees and seven sacks of mail. The arrivals reported that the mounted police at Forty-Mile have secured the mail that was abandoned by Ben Downing's mail carrier, Ballentine, some time ago. The latter was caught in an ice jam near the Cassiar house, and was forced to get out the best he could, having a narrow escape from death in the desperate struggle to reach the shore through the grinding mass of ice. He considered the mail as lost, and so reported to others, who also repeated the story. Now comes the news that the boat with the mail was found by the police of the Forty-Mile post. They were on the lookout for the boat and found it about seven miles above Forty-Mile.

The N. W. M. Police have been ordered to patrol the trails to the new gold fields, as complaint has been made by many people who had caches of provisions and horse feed on the trail to the new gold fields that their caches had been robbed by unknown persons during the recent stampede to Bullion creek, says the White Horse Star. It is customary on the trail, in case of necessity, for a traveler to open a cache and help himself to all he is in actual need of, and after he has done so to leave a memorandum of what he has taken, together with his name. In the cases referred to above, however, the goods were taken but nothing left to show by whom; hence those who helped themselves to other people's property are liable to arrest and imprisonment on a charge of theft. The matter was brought to the notice of the N. W. M. P. and from now on a regular weekly patrol will be sent over the route.

E. P. Needham, one of those who joined in the stampede to the Lake Kluhane district and secured a claim has been accidently killed at Skagway by falling from Moore's wharf, while intoxicated. With head crushed and face bruised and lacerated, the dead body of Edward P. Needham, was found lying on the beach where it had evidently fallen from the approach to Moore's whalf and the wharf proper. The body was in two feet of water when found. Eighty dollars was found on the corpse and he had pay checks and certificates of deposit amounting ao several hundred dollars and certificates showing ownership of three mining claim in the Ruby creek country on his body.

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BORN.

FIFE—At Nelson on November 25th, the wife of A. H. Fife, of a son.

BEVERIDGE—At Vancouver, on November 28th, the wife of James Beveridge, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

PROUDFOOT—THELIN —At Nelson, on November 25th, by Rev. Dr. Wright, John H. Proudfoot and Miss Ruth H. Thelin.

DIED.

HAYS—At Vancouver, on Nov. 26th, G. Hays, aged 61 years.

EDGAR—At Vancouver, on Nov. 27th, Mrs. P. F. Edgar, aged 47 years.

McNEILL—At Vancouver, on Nov. 27th, Mrs. Jennie McNeill.

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"The Book of Herbs," which is issued as the twelfth volume of the "Handbook of Practical Gardening," is written not only with a full knowledge of the subject but with a dainty touch that is delightful. A great many ladies write garden books nowadays, the most famous on the list being the Hon. Mrs. Evelyn Cecil, a daughter of Lord and Lady Amherst of Hackney. She is recognized as one of the greatest living authorities on gardening.

ASTHMA CURED AT LAST—Mr. Robt. Crow, Elmdale, Ont., had given up all hope but was induced by a friend to try Clarke's Kola Compound, and now says: "After a thorough treatment with this grand remedy I am now cured of this awful disease, after having given up all hope." Mr. Crow took seven bottles but the cure was complete. Give the remedy a trial. It never fails if an honest, persistent treatment is given. Send for sample. Three bottles $5.00 prepaid from The Griffiths & Macpherson Co., Limited, Toronto. All druggists.

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The Sidney and Nanaimo Transportation Co., Ltd., and Steamer Iroquois.

The management of the business of the above company and of the above steamer has on this 29th November, 1903, been placed in the hands of the undersigned, who are the only authorized agents of the company and steamer.

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Victoria, B. C., 30th Nov. 1903.

$25.00 REWARD
The above reward will be paid to any persons giving information which will lead to the conviction of the person or persons who broke into the pheasants' aviary at Beacon Hill Park on the night of the 25th instant and stole six pheasants therefrom.
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Waltham Watches, Crescent St., 21 ruby jewels	$20.00
Waltham Watches, solid silver cases, escapments, jeweled in 7 actions	$7.50
Elgin Watches, Veritas, 23 fine ruby jewels	$35 00
Elgin Watches, Veritas, 21 fine ruby jewels	$30.00
Elgin Watches, B. W. Raymond, new model, 19 ruby jewels	$25 00
New England Watches, hard enamel dials and jeweled escapments	$2.50
Eight-day Striking Clocks	$3.00

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Typhoon Sinks Several Hundred Junks Off Shores of Swatow.

Government Tender Rescues Many of the Unfortunate Chinese Fishermen.

While four hundred Chinese fishing junks were plying their vocation off Swatow on November 8th, according to advices brought by the steamer Athenian, which arrived Sunday, a typhoon swept down upon them, as a result of which at least 300 of the junks were disabled and thousands of lives were lost. The Hongkong government tender Stanley, a Chinese cruiser, three torpedo boats and the naval water tank at Hongkong, went out as a rescue fleet, and saved a number of the unfortunate fishermen, the Stanley towing in over thirty junks and picking up nearly 400 men, who were suffering terribly from extreme thirst and hunger, for the survivors of the disaster had been without food for from two to five days.

When the gale swept down on the fishing junks, the havoc wrought was fearful. Rudders were swept away, masts broken; sails ripped and general destruction was rife. For days the disabled junks drifted helplessly about, the crews suffering the pangs of extreme hunger and thirst. Signals of distress were flown from what was left of masts or on the highest point, and death stared all in the face when the Stanley came to the rescue. Frantic signals were made and when the Stanley bore down on the unfortunates their joy knew no bounds. The Stanley was bound on a regular cruise with provisions for Wgalan light, and her master, realizing the impossibility of relieving all the disabled craft, took as many as he could in tow and took off the crews of others.

There was a heavy sea running, but he managed to get eight vessels in tow and picked up 122 men. Influential Chinese prevailed on the government to send the boat again to the rescue, and she returned with four junks and 109 men, and on a third trip picked up three junks and five men. Their appearance told a tale of extreme hardship and physical suffering. It was the same tale, no food no water. The Stanley's captain counted as many as fifty-seven disabled junks drifting seaward, helpless, all flying distress signals. The naval authorities despatched three torpedo boat destroyers and the naval water tank, which relieved the sufferings of many rescued and the torpedo destroyers picked up several junks. A Chinese cruiser also aided in the work.

The fishermen estimate that of the four hundred junks three hundred at least were disabled or sunk, and all tell of many men struggling in the heavy seas and of their final disappearance. Thousands of lives are feared to have been lost.

Local News

Lady Maccabees—Baxter Hive, Ladies of the Maccabees will hold a meeting tonight at 8 o'clock at Semple's hall, Victoria West.

Orangemen Meet.—Orange Lodge, L. O. L., No. 1,426, will meet tomorrow evening at the A. O. U. W. hall for general business and election of officers. All Orangemen are requested to attend.

Painters' and Decorators' Dance. — Last evening the painters and decorators convened with their lady friends at Victoria hall, Blanchard street for their annual dance. The affair passed off very successfully, and the merry party tripped the light fantastic until the early hours this morning.

Creditors have better memories than debtors—this isn't a proverb, it's a fact.

CROWD GREETED DE WOLF HOPPER

Famous Comedian Pleased a Large Audience in Presentation of Mr. "Pickwick"

A large audience greeted De Wolff Hopper and company last evening in the musical production in two acts entitled "Mr. Pickwick," based on Charles Dickens' masterpiece, and to say that satisfaction was given is putting it mildly. De Wolff Hopper, as "Mr. Pickwick," was the king of the evening. He kept the audience in roars of laughter, his witticisms all the way through being quite of the kind which made the famous novelist's stories fascinating in the eyes of millons of readers.

In the company which portrayed the musical synopsis of the great masterpiece last evening, De Wolf Hopper was the whole show. From the moment he set foot upon the stage until the final fall of the curtain, he held the rapt attention of his audience, his mannerisms, his accent, his hundred and one gestures and exclamations proclaiming the older days—the days of "Sam Weller" and "Alfred Jingle" and "Mr. Snodgrass."

Though it is a far cry from the year 1903 to the days when Mr. Pickwick flourished in all his glory, Mr. Hopper and his company have succeeded in reproducing excellently well the picture of the days gone by. His supporting company was a good one, and the performance last evening may be fairly considered as the most notable event in local theatrical circles during the present year.

Though the prices of seats had been advanced because of the extra attraction, the theatre was crowded with an audience comprising the elite of the city. The finished performance was duly appreciated, and the sterling actor given that adequate reception which he might have confidently looked for.

BASKETBALL.

At a meeting of the Basketball League executive held last evening in the Y. M. C. A. rooms, it was finally decided to play the senior league games in the Drill hall in connection with the weekly band concerts. The first game will take place next Saturday evening between teams representing the Y. M. C. A. and V. W. A. A., and as both teams are practicing faithfully, the game will no doubt prove an exciting one.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer Charmer from Vancouver—Sunday—Godfrey, T. J. Smith, J. Reid, J. J. Brignall, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Doig, J. Thorburn, S. B. Johnson, D. T. Dixon, W. W. Dunneson, M. T. Hoe, M. Howard, M. Barnes, F. Buscomb, C. E. Haynes, G. C. Hinton, Miss Forrest, O. Lalvin, A. Slimban, W. H. McBride, S. Hibbard, O. Patterson, G. W. Whitehead, T. H. Campbell, T. G. Benson, A. E. Wood, A. J. Kappele, Miss Averill, Mrs. R. G. McPherson, F. R. Lyne, J. McTeely, T. Gifford, Capt. Garland, M. Kenworthy, A. B. Macgowan, F. Garden, H. M. Graham, Mrs. R. P. McLennan, Jos. Martin, J. H. McGregor, Miss Elwell, R. Roberts, Mr. Rymson, Mrs. Rymson, H. C. Nelson, Miss Brady, Miss Russell, Miss Campbell, Mrs. Campbell, A. Baly, H. A. Dawson, F. Carter-Cotton, A. Godson, M. Lamour, F. Richardson, J. Wilson, M. Lenz, R. Roe, C. Anderson, J. Reid, B. D. Blair, E. T. Colinson, W. Bowser, D. Godbart, W. H. Winger, E. St. Purie, Ruth Baldwin, Mrs. Martinson, M. Martinson, J. Robson, J. Hassell, W. H. Watson, H. Barow, W. T. Maguire, John Hamilton, D. McLaughlin.

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Legislative Assembly

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which the Liberals were so proud, could not do any better on its loan of two million, negotiated by Mr. Ross, than 5 per cent. So British Columbia was not doing so badly after all. It was often the case that these difficulties which were so hard to get over or round were productive of good in the long run. Some hon. members were apt to be a little narrow in their views coming from their constituencies, and inclined to look at matters from the standpoint of the constituency and not of the province. There was a duty to be done to the province before the duty to their constituents could be done. The government had spared no efforts to get for British Columbia the very best terms possible to make, and could make no other terms than those which were submitted to the legislature then. The government would have gone to any reasonable length to secure better terms, but the thing was impossible; they exhausted every means in their power before concluding the arrangement which had been submitted to the legislature.

It was not, as the hon. leader of the opposition seemed to think, an extraordinary thing to see reference made to loyalty and patriotism in a speech from the throne. His Honor probably meant no more than to stimulate the zeal of the hon. members in their efforts to help solve the financial problem. Unless those measures were passed the business of the country could not be carried on. A large amount of money must be ready in the city of London by the 15th of December. If the province could not then meet its obligations the consequences would be very serious. They could not afford to jeopardize the credit of British Columbia by putting off this very urgent matter, and the government do not propose at this juncture to do anything but try to meet these obligations as they come along. If it be possible to suggest to the government anything that would assist the government in any way to solve the problem it would beb bladly accepted. It saw the common duty cast upon every man of that House, irrespective of which side he sat on.

He was confident the loyalty and patriotism of British Columbia had not been at all disturbed by the Alaskan boundary award, and none was better aware of that fact than His Honor.

Turning then to the Fernie ballot box affair, the premier said he had hoped when the hon. leader of the opposition was speaking that he would continue his disquisition into the particularities of the law, which he, being a lawyer, must know well, and so convict himself out of his own mouth of arguing against the plain statement of the Statutes, which was exactly what the hon. gentleman had done. The government was void of all blame in that affair, and none could know it better than the hon. leader of the opposition, who knew the law. And well, also, did the hon. gentleman know that had it not been so there would quickly have been an appeal from the decision of Hon. Mr. Justice Irving. That the matter had not been attended to at once was entirely due to the indolence of the opposition. The government could hardly be expected to set the example of breaking the laws and to have acted as the hon. leader of the opposition suggested, would have been to violate the Statutes as they stand today. There was nothing in the law to solve the Fernie problem to his satisfaction if they were to keep within the plain wording of the Statute. The opposition took absolutely no advantage when it was open to them to do so. But he (the Premier) took the highest appeal possible, and that was to the people in the Vancouver bby election. What did the people of the province think of the Fernie affair? What did the people of Vancouver think? Why they returned the hon. attorney-general with a magnificent majority in spite of the attempts of the Liberals to make capital out of the Fernie case. In spite of the fact that many of the leading Liberals in parliament and in the province were campaigning against him in Vancouver. No better appeal could be made than that appeal to the people, and no better endorsement of a government's policy had ever been given than Vancouver gave. The hon. leader of the opposition was somewhat inconsistent. On one occasion he declares that the ballot box means little, but no doubt Vancouver had proved to him that it means a very great deal. The Liberals were going to make very short work of the attorney-general there, but they did not. The premier felt very much like apologizing to the legislature for saying anything about the Fernie ballot box, because there was the Vancouver by election—the reply of the people to the attacks of the opposition. Probably during the present session an amendment would be brought in to remedy the matter which had been disclosed and to make the Statute more effective.

Mr. Macdonald—Will it be retroactive? (Laughter.)

The Premier—If the hon. member will give me his confidence and let me know how far he wants it to be retroactive, I'll be glad to meet him half way. (Applause.)

The Premier continuing, referred to relationship between Province and Dominion, and said he believed nothing should be left undone to procure from Canada better returns for the millions of dollars paid into the federal treasury. A return would be presented to the House in a few days, showing what amount had been paid. British Columbia had given to Ottawa millions more than had been drawn. It was hard to overestimate the importance of agitating for better recognition for British Columbia. Had this always been done perhaps there would be no cause to ask the legislature to convene to consider that great question of finance which they must deal with. The provincial financial question is one that has to be handled with great care, and financiers on the outside are more than ordinarily carefully about it. He disclaimed any intention of making an attack on the Dominion government or on the gentlemen from British Columbia who represented the province in parliament. He appealed to the Liberals as well as the Conservatives of British Columbia to take up this matter; the province must make a stand for its rights and secure better terms, and he appealed to the House to study the question. If constant delegations will not bring about proper settlement, then proper representatives should be sent down to Ottawa to leave nothing undone until the province secures its rights. T. is was no mere political agitation, but was intended in the best interests of British Columbia. If the British Columbia people did not take a stand they would never secure what was their due. He instanced the neglect of the fisheries, which had been reduced to a deplorable condition. If the province is not given better terms a very unsatisfactory condition of the public mind was bound to result.

On the transportation question the Premier remarked in opening that Mr. Macdonald had said the speech was remarkable for what it did not contain. Well, he (the Premier) had been guilty of saying the same thing on other occasions, but he, unlike Mr. Macdonald, always meant it. (Laughter.) The Premier then dealt at considerable length with the attempts to get the Coast-Kootenay railway started. Sometimes it seemed so nearly accomplished that one could almost hear the whistles tooting and the bells ringing on the locomotives, but not a mile constructed. But if the government of the day brought in a measure for the construction of a line, he could assure the House that measure would be productive of actual construction within a reasonable time. And the government would not bring down a bill that could not reasonably be carried out.

It was the bounden duty of the House to have all financial legislation completed before the 15th day of December, and the House should therefore refrain from any other kind of legislation until after that date.

Returning again to the Coast-Kootenay railway project, the Premier sketched the advantages to be derived and also from a railway opening up the northern part of the Island. He hoped to hear the hon. leader of the opposition say something about the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, enjoying, as that gentleman did, the confidence of the Ottawa government. The Premier had found on perusal of the agreement that the construction of the G. T. P. R. was absolutely barren of any guarantee to build from the Pacific coast. His government had appealed to the Ottawa government on the matter but up to the present date no assurance that portion of the line would be built from the Pacific seaboard had been received. Yet it was carried that the construction of the British Columbia portion would involve an expenditure of $25,000,000, but nothing at all could be learned as to whether British Columbia would participate in that expenditure. Seemingly the line would be built out to the Pacific seaboard, and the people here would not participate in the benefit to the extent of a single dollar. Why was this? Did the company intend to ignore the business people of British Columbia? It was indeed time to protest against this scandalous treatment of the West because of British Columbia's minority at Ottawa that such treatment was meted to British Columbia? It would be well to press for some explanation. It was the policy of the British Columbia government that the province should receive recognition. The Premier also referred in strong terms to the omission in the G. T. P. R. agreement of any reference to the class of labor to be employed, and asked the opposition to offer some explanation thereupon. He asked how many hours had been wasted on the floor of that House on the Chinese question, yet here was a bill going through at Ottawa to spend $25,000,000 in this province and no word of protest from the British Columbia members as to the class of labor to be employed. Was this province to be set aside every time and no protest made or reason given? Or were they to stand to their guns like men and demand our rights from Ottawa? The government on the question of alien labor was determined to make all efforts to maintain the rights of the province along these lines. (Applause.) The G. T. P. R was to be completed in five years, and the provincial government would lose no opportunity to emphasize these points as forcibly as possible. He had not sent the protest to the Conservative leader, but to the government itself, because he felt it was of far too much importance to make a party question of.

The Premier concluded by assuring the House that if there were any omissions in the government's programme they would be supplied during the session. If all the members kept well in mind the chief duty they owed to British Columbia, this would be perhaps the most successful parliament she ever enjoyed. (Applause.)

Mr. John Oliver (Delta) then indulged in a highly amusing speech in which he playfully twitted the government with quite a variety of shortcomings, to the intense amusement of both sides of the House. Mr. Oliver yesterday made good his claim to be considered the funny man of the opposition side, and his address was greatly enjoyed. Mr. Oliver insisted on reading the Houston correspondence, which was one of the almost innumerable subjects which Mr. Oliver brought up at random, and discussed at random. Mr Oliver held the floor, and the amused attention of the House and galleries until Mr. Speaker said 6 o'clock.

Hon. Mr. Wilson moved the adpournment of the debate.

The House rose at 6 o'clock until 2 p. m. today, and Mr Speaker took occasion to remind the members that 2 p. m. meant 2 p. m and that he would take the chair promptly at that hour. This announcement was greeted with applause and the assembly dispersed.

The late Mrs. Gladstone's implicit confidence in her husband's ability—which amounted almost to a belief in his infallibility—is well illustrated in the following anecdote: During the troublous times of 1885, just before the fall of Khartoum and the murder of Chinese Gordon, which were really the cause of the defeat of the Gladstone ministry a little later, a statesman high in the councils of the Liberal party called at Mr. Gladstone's residence, and was cordially received by his wife. He was in a lugubrious frame of mind and spoke dismally of the situation. "Ah, Mrs. Gladstone," he began, "these are dreadful times. The clouds are very thick. We can only remember that there is One above who will help us in all our troubles, and that He will guide us out of our difficulties." "Oh, yes," replied Mrs. Gladstone, with great cheerfulness, "he's is upstairs shaving just now, but he'll be down directly."

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YESTERDAY'S DEBATE.

The Government has every reason to be satisfied with the result of yesterday's debate on the Address in the Legislature. The occasion and the circumstances connected with it were of more interest than usual. The present session is not only the first of a new Parliament. It is also the first in which the McBride Government has controlled the House, while the Opposition is directed by a leader, alike new to that position and to membership in the Legislature. Furthermore, the present session witnesses the first attempt to divide the two sides of the House on Federal party lines. It is not surprising, therefore, that the legislative proceedings excite more than usual interest, while the comparatively narrow majority of the Government causes every move on the board to be closely watched by the people of the Province.

The speech of Mr. Macdonald, the Leader of the Opposition, was of such a character as to indicate that he will lead his forces with great caution and circumspection. Although we may not witness any daring attacks or attempts at sudden surprises on the part of the Opposition while he commands it, we may be tolerably certain that, as far as he can exercise control, the proceedings of the House will be conducted with decorum and dignity and with a view to the despatch of business. Whether he will be able to check the irregular incursions of the fiery Bashi-Bazouk contingent from Delta into the enemy's territory, is doubtful after yesterday's incident. But otherwise Mr. Macdonald's accession to the leadership of His Majesty's Loyal Opposition seems likely to contribute a satisfactory element to the composition of the House.

Mr. Macdonald's speech was made under difficulties of which he was fully conscious. The only fault that he was able to find with the Speech from the Throne—that it omitted more things than it recited—was really a tribute to the desire of the Government to signalize its possession of power rather by deeds than words. Moreover, the important position assigned in His Honor's speech to the financial situation of the Province and the need for immediate action to improve it, is a proof of the full realization by the Government of the necessity for action and of its determination to force that fact on the attention both of the House and of the country. The Leader of the Opposition frankly admitted the seriousness of the situation, and in the next few days we hope to have full proof of that fact by the hearty co-operation of the Opposition with the Government in passing the necessary financial legislation. We must deal on another occasion with Mr. Macdonald's remarks on the Mineral Tax. It is only necessary to say now that not only the members of the Government but every one of its supporters in the House are desirous of dealing with this question and remedying any evils—whether they be sentimental or material and actual—that arise under the present method of levying this tax. But to say that does not justify the demand that legislation in the character of amending that method or readjusting the incidence of the tax should be rushed through the House with the haste that is requisite in order to meet the financial exigencies of the Province. We have no doubt that those most directly interested in the matter will have no reason to reproach the Government with disregard of the welfare of one of the most important industries in British Columbia.

The Premier made an excellent speech and disposed of the various criticisms that have appeared in the Opposition press during the fast few months. Mr. McBride frankly confessed that neither he nor his colleagues were aware on accepting office of the very stringent financial position in which the Province actually was. In this they were not singular, for notwithstanding the warnings which, during the past two years, have been given from well-informed quarters, it is apparent that the large majority of the people still believed that the old policy of spending and borrowing could still be continued. The Premier made it quite plain that the acceleration of the General Election and the calling of the Legislature to meet at an earlier date than was originally intended were not devices with a view to party advantage, but occasioned by the serious financial situation and the necessity of getting legislative sanction to certain measures. In his reference to the extension of railway facilities, Mr. McBride again clearly demonstrated that the Government's policy is actuated by business considerations and not by a desire to gain cheap and transient popularity by extravagant professions followed by no practical results. Surely the Statute Book is proof enough of the folly of subsidizing railways on paper and giving concessions to promoters, who, while unable themselves to carry them out, put obstacles in the way of those who might achieve something. The Premier promised that when the Government made public its railway policy it would be found that actual construction followed closely on the legislative enactments that gave it shape and form.

The Premier's appeal to both sides of the House to second the Government's efforts to get fair treatment from the Dominion Government for British Columbia, should meet with a hearty and sincere response. The question should not be taken up in a partisan spirit. Whether we have a government in power in the Province of one political color, while at Ottawa there is one of the opposite complexion, should not be regarded. On the contrary we would frankly recognize that a Federal government, whether Liberal or Conservative, in dealing with the question has almost certainly to encounter serious difficulties from objections raised by the representatives of other and larger provinces. That British Columbia has claims on the Federal Treasury superior to those of any other province cannot be disputed, and there is reason to believe that this is recognized at Ottawa. Still, Mr. McBride stated nothing more than the historic truth, when he said that one year after another passed and no relief was given to our needs. Had we received but a modicum of what is our reasonable due, the financial position of British Columbia would not compel the Government to propose increases in taxation and the establishment of new imposts in order that the Province may meet its obligations. We trust, therefore, that the Legislature may move in this manner as one man and so prove to the authorities at Ottawa that attention to our demands can no longer be postponed.

The member for Delta made a characteristic and dashing speech. With that portion of it dealing with personal matters between Mr. McBride and certain members of the late legislature, we have nothing to do. We would, however, point out to Mr. Oliver that neither Mr. McBride as a Conservative, nor himself as a Liberal, could have entered into such an arrangement as he refers to without disregarding the decisions of conventions of both those parties, and by which both he and Mr. McBride are bound. Mr. Oliver's charge that public works were carried on until the election and then stopped—as though originated for election and party purposes—was effectively answered by Mr. McBride's statement that the government had no funds for the continuance of such works, nor could it borrow any money until it had secured the authority of the legislature. Nor are Mr. Oliver's criticisms of recent "injurious legislation" any count against the present administration. To apportion—or attempt to apportion—strictly the responsibility for the legislation passed by the last House would, we are inclined to think, involve more members who now sit on the left hand of Mr. Speaker than on his right hand. In any case such a research would do no good. The task now devolving on the legislature should receive its undivided attention, as it will require its best efforts for its accomplishment.

A DOUBT DISPELLED.

There appeared to be considerable incredulity manifested by some of the members of the opposition yesterday in regard to a statement made by the Premier in the course of his speech. Mr. McBride, referring to the rate of interest that the province would probably have to pay on the new loan, said that the old and wealthy province of Ontario had recently negotiated a loan bearing five per cent. interest. That a province that had been under Liberal rule for about thirty years; that it had been the established faith of its administrators had no provincial debt, should have to pay a higher rate of interest than had been generally exacted from spendthrift British Columbia or comparatively poor Quebec, not unnaturally shocked the sensibilities of our good Grit friends in the Opposition, and caused them to be incredulous as to the fact. We can, however, assure them on excellent authority that the Ontario government, unexpectedly finding itself in need of a sum of $2,000,000, had to negotiate a loan at the interest of 5 per cent. per annum, after trying in vain in various quarters to obtain less onerous terms. That fact does not make it any more palatable for British Columbia taxpayers to be completed to pay the same rate. But it does show that our provincial government, through the extravagances of its predecessors, has been compelled to borrow at a time when the conditions are everywhere unfavorable for such an operation.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

D. W. H. STORIES.

Sir,—The perusal of Mr. D. W. Higgins' stories of old times in B. C., which have been appearing in the pages of your paper, have afforded us old timers the greatest delight, as no doubt they have many who are comparatively new to the country. I should very much like to hear of Mr. Higgins publishing a book of these writings and other reminiscences. Will he not some day tell the story of how the word "Scotty" got to be used by the Indians to designate a lunatic? The first person of unsound mind who was in Victoria (it was in 1860 I think) was an ex-engineer named Scott, and seeing him in his harmless craziness about the streets, and knowing his name, the natives soon got to apply the word "Scotty" to a person who was weak minded or foolish in any way. But the full story of Scott, of how he lost his reason through accident, of his Victoria life, and of his subsequent cure, would make a story of great interest, if handled by Mr. Higgins in his masterly style.

W. B. ANDERSON.

THE CENTURY'S NEW COVER.

The new cover of The Century, which has made the November issue stand out boldly on every news stand and bookseller's counter, is being commended by readers and critics as "artistic," "dignified," and "unusually attractive." It is of simple architectural design, in ivory, black and Venetian red, on a soft olive-green; and is said to be the only permanent magazine cover at the present time in which green is the predominant tone.

PRESS COMMENT.

And said the barnacles to the Ross outfit: "We're stuck on you." And G. W. couldn't find it in his heart to scrape 'em off.—Ottawa Citizen.

In Canada, where they don't seem able to take a beating in the proper spirit, Lord Alverstone is now known as the Great Arbitrtor.—London Punch.

However, the House of Representatives may feel about it, public spirited Canadians will regard the reconvening of the Joint High Commisssion as particularly ill-timed just now. The movement on the other side of the line for a resumption of reciprocity negotiations with Canada, is manifestly an attempt to prevent the Dominion from entering into closer trade relations with the Empire, and by so doing to strike a hard blow at Mr Chamberlain's policy. The people of Canada would be foolish indeed to be caught in any such trap.—Montreal Star.

It begins to look very much as if the Toronto Globe's famous Monday morning confession was inspired, not so much by the quiet sanctity of the Sawbath, and the accusing voice of conscience, as by Hon. Mr. Ross himself. It looks very much as if it were a part of a plan to save Ross by letting the less harmful and unimportant corruptionists go. It was noticeable at the time that the confessor would not tolerate the idea of putting Ross out, too, and giving the whole business over to a new set of men; and that peculiarity is, we think, now accounted for by the fact that it was Ross himself who inspired the article—inspired it, not in the interests of his shameless self, who is determined to remain in power, even if he is obliged to sacrifice his own party in the attempt.—Hamilton Spectator.

The fight out in Wyoming between a sheriff's posse and a band of Indians, illustrates once more the value of the Northwest Mounted Police to Western Canada. The Canadian Indian has been trained to respect the law by a daily demonstration that his rights are as good as those of the white man.—Montreal Gazette.

The alarmists now tell us that liqueurs are at the bottom of social degeneracy, embonpoint and other woes of today. Women have taken to liqueurs of late because they look more "ladylike" than high balls, and young girls begin their careers as drunkards (!) by sipping drinks which they order because of their pretty color! Let us hope that the alarmist is exaggerating. Nevertheless, doctors agree that there is something most insidious about liqueur drinking; the amount taken looks so trifling that the effects are out of all proportion. One glass after dinner is supposed to be a good digestive, but when it comes as a follower to champagne it is doubtful whether the good it bestows is of any moment.—N. Y. Commercial Advertiser.

When the first census of California was taken, in 1851, there were but six registered insane, or 1 to every 21,000 inhabitants. In the report of the state hospitals for 1902 the number of insane under public charge is placed at 5,276 persons, or 1 to every 260 residents of the state. According to these figures California has the largest percentage of insane of any state in the union. New York, with the ratio of 1 to 330, has the nearest approach to our record in demented persons. California state, which is proudly vaunted as the land of fruit and flowers, seems also by this token to be the land of lunatics. However, there is no occasion for our Eastern friends to class lunacy along with the much advertised bubonic plague and the California earthquake as a deterrent to prospective colonists.—San Francisco Call.

THE CITIZEN AND ART.

Then there is the further question of the art side of the citizen's life. The houses of the people are too much alike, both the exteriors and the interiors. Architecture in the better sense is almost unknown except in a few districts in the cities and at some of the summer resorts. Ornamentation is usually heavy tragedy. The more money a man has to spend on a house the more ornamentation he tries to secure and the greater the confusion that reigns. It is so with interiors. The wood is painted and grained by universal custom; the wallpaper is put on in the same way; the carpets are all alike; the furniture of Mr. Smith's house is the same as that of Mr. Jones; the pictures and the bric-a-brac are the same; lace curtains are omnipresent; the lamps and candelabra are of the one type. There is no individuality. One gets the impression that every citizen has bought his house-furnishings at the same departmental store. One house-furnisher in Toronto advertises: "You get married; we furnish the home." Heaven help the young couple who start housekeeping on that plan! Far better the rude benches and tables and beds which our fathers hewed out with the axe.

Less furniture and better should be our motto. Our houses are overloaded with machine-made trash. Better a bare floor and a few home-made rugs than the low-grade atrocity which the farmer calls "boughten carpet." Better a pine box covered with chinz than the inartistic thing found in most bedrooms and labelled "a dresser."

The accumulation of house-furnishings should be the accumulation of treasures, of articles which represent ideas, of ornaments which have associations and lessons, of rooms which hold blessed and hallowing recollections for those who furnished them and live in them. Surely the home is more than a place where eating and sleeping are the chief occupations. Forty-nine cent pictures and twenty-four cent books cannot gather halos.—Canadian Magazine.

RISIBILITIES.

"Father," said little Harold, "what is an optimist?"

"An optimist, my son, is a man who feels so confident that he is going to get the worst of everything that he is trying to pretend not to mind it."—Washington Star.

"Somehow I can't believe that the world was made in six days," said the unwilling sceptic.

"Why not?" queried his friend.

"Because," answered the u. s., "it necessarily belongs to the class of public works!"—Chicago News.

Cholly Horse — How are you getting along with your suit for Miss Roxley's hand?

Percy Vere—Oh! I'm making progress.

Cholly Horse—I thought her father kicked you out every time you called.

Percy Vere—Yes, but he doesn't kick me quite as hard as he used to.—Philadelphia Ledger.

"What does that red yarn around your right wrist signify?" said Trivvet to Dicer.

"That's to remind me to take coffee home this evening."

"And what does the yarn around your left wrist mean?"

"That's to remind me that there is yarn on my right wrist.'—Ram's Horn.

MEN AND THINGS.

Professor Albert Eulenberg, the well known German neurologist, agrees with Dr. May, Schiller's physician, that actors are more nervous than women. He thinks that the plays of Ibsen, Hauptmann and Bjornson are particularly injurious to them, and mentions the case of one actor who was utterly wrecked by one of the modern realistic plays.

Those who have heard Bourke Cockran speak in the New York city campaign seem to think that his powers as an orator have sustained no diminution through his lengthy residence abroad, where he has been for the greater part of three years. He is still in magnificent voice and splendid as of yore as to stage presence. The ingenuity of his arguments on behalf of McClellan has astonished even those who entertain high opinion of candidate and speaker.

The partiality of the Germans for long titles is famous, as also the fact that local etiquette demands that the humblest shall be addressed by title as well as name. In the "official news" published in the Munchener Allgemine Zeitung the resignation of a post office servant with the following stupendous rank is announced: "The With the Title and Rank of a Royal Upper Engineer Endowed Upper Post Inspector of the Department of Royal Posts and Telegraphs Karl Gottfried Mirus."

In France trees are felled for lumber by means of a platinum wire heated by electricity and used as a saw.

The longest telephone wire span in the world is 3,200 feet from pole to pole, spanning the Susquehanna at Lancaster, Pa.

The largest airship constructed is to be built at St.Ouen. It has been designed by Senor Jos de Patrodimi, who has received a subsidy from the Brazilian government for the purpose.

Watchdogs are to be employed to guard the German government dockyards. A dog is to accompany each sentinel and the animal will be set upon any stranger who may fail to respond to the challenge.

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Silks at 25c
15 pieces of Japanese Wash Silks; also Shanghai Silk in plain colors.

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Regular $1.50 yd
13 pieces of Evening Broches, colors Pink, Pale Blue, Heliotrope, Nile, Red, Yellow and Turquoise.

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Scalloped Drop Stitch border, 50c.
Scalloped Fancy Embroidery, $1.00.
Runners, size 18x36, Hemstitched and Fancy embroidered, 50c.
Hemstitched with drawn thread border, 75c.
Runners, size 18x45, hemstitched with drawn thread border, also hemstitched fancy embroidery, price 50c.
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Hemstitched with drawn thread, very choice design, $1.50.
Hemstitched and drawn thread border, fine embroidery, $2.00.
Scalloped border, scroll design finished with lovers' knots, $2.00.
Scalloped border, rounded corners, white embroidery on brown linen, $2.50.
Runners, size 18x54, fancy embroidered, 50c.
Embroidered Shamrock and drawn thread border, $1.25.
Fringed with drawn thread border $1.50.
Runners, size, 18x72, Heavy Austrian Linen, drawn work border, 75c., $1.25.
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Hemstitched and drawn thread border, 35c.
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Local News.

Retail Grocers.—J. Smart has been appointed by the Retail Grocers' Association to the position of permanent secretary. Offices have been secured on Broad street, where the secretary may be found at any time.

Foreign Bible Society.—Rev. Mr. Bonfield on Sunday morning in the First Presbyterian church, gave a very interesting and instructive address on the work of the British and Foreign Bible Society. Rev. Mr. Bonfield is the general superintendent of the work of the Bible Society in China. His headquarters are at Shanghai.

To Choose Officers.—Tomorrow evening the local Aerie of Eagles will choose their officers, who, with the exception of the aerie physician, will act during the next year, the physician being elected semi-annually. Following the election and installation of the officers, arrangements will immediately begin for the holding of a masquerade ball, which has become an annual feature with this society.

Mining Association.—It has been decided to hold the next convention of the Provincial Mining Association in Victoria on February 22nd next. A special committee consisting of the president, the two vice presidents and Messrs. Galt, Pearson and Campbell Sweeny, with power to increase their numbers, was appointed to watch the legislation. The same committee was empowered to call the executive together if need be.

Carnegie Library.—Contractor George Snider is making good progress with the foundation work for the new Carnegie Library building. The concrete foundation is complete on the south, east and west sides and it will not be long before the semi-circular wall foundation at the north end will be also completed. Considerable difficulty has been experienced on account of the amount of water encountered, accentuated by the recent heavy rains, but in spite of it the work has been steadily carried on. Yesterday afternoon the first shipment of granite was received.

Supreme Court Today.—Today the Supreme court will commence its sittings and quite a number of cases are listed for trial. It is expected that two justices will sit, Chief Justice Hunter and Mr. Justice Drake, which will expedite business. The cases set for trial are: Anderson vs. Sayward, Hopper vs. Dunsmuir, Raser vs. McQuade, Board of Trade vs. Tupper, Victoria Lumber Co. vs. Vaughan Rhys, Barrett vs. Elliott, Johnston vs. Oliver, Lang vs. Brayshaw, Turner, Beeton & Co. vs. Kircheimer, Pacific Towing Company vs. Norris, Elkins vs. B. C. Electric Railway Co., Taylor vs. Rich.

Advent Services.—Week day services will be held in Christ Church Cathedral during Advent as follows: Daily, matins 10 a. m.; evensong, 5 p. m. Tuesdays, Bible reading by the bishop in the schoolroom at 3; Wednesdays, special service with address by Rev. W. B. Allen at 8 p. m.; Thursdays, holy communion at 8 a. m. Those who were prevented from attending church on Advent Sunday by the wet weather are asked to send their offerings for the diocesan mission fund to the clergy for their several parishes. There will be a special service of intercession for foreign mission work in the cathedral this evening at 8 o'clock.

"Looking For a Wife."—The musical comedy "Looking for a Wife" will be the attraction at the Victoria theatre this evening. This is said to be one of the comedy hits of the year and will be presented by a company of twenty-five selected people, chosen for their ability to portray the different parts they are to play. Some good comedians and pretty girls make up the company. Special scenery is carried by the company for the entire production, and the costumes and effects are said to be far above what is usually seen with this class of attraction. The musical numbers have been selected with care, and only the latest and best are used in "Looking for a Wife."

The Doll Show.—This is the last day to enter dolls for exhibition at Messrs. Hibben & Co. Tomorrow those who have not yet entered their old (or new) favorites will please do so at the Metropolitan hall, opposite the post office. Entrance on Courtenay street. Ladies will be in attendance to receive dolls and contributions of all kinds, from friends and well-wishers as early at 10 o'clock a. m. There will be a table of beautiful dolls of all kinds, sizes and prices for sale. Anyone wishing to give a doll to little friends at Xmas can be well suited on Wednesday. There will also be a table of fancy and useful articles, another of homemade candy, still another of holly and flowers. Afternoon tea will be served. In the evening, coffee and cake will be on hand to refresh those who will no doubt come in great numbers to spend the social evening which is being carefully prepared for Wednesday the 2nd inst., by the ladies of St. James' church.

St. John's Concert.—Notwithstanding the steady downpour of rain there was a large congregation at St. John's church on Sunday evening, when the first of the Advent series of organ recitals was given. Venerable Archdeacon Scriven was the preacher. Mr. A. Longfield gave three organ solos by Rapp, Chopin and Vincent, which brought out the many varied resources of the instrument. The first vocal number, "Face to Face," was given by Miss Zoe Bucknam in a very sympathetic manner, her rich contralto voice being well adapted to the music of this character. The accompaning violin obligato by Mr. Fawcett added much tone color to this number. Dr. Robertson sang the solo "Zion" in a most artistic manner, although he was evidently suffering from a cold. He also took part in Dr. Stainer's duet, "Love Divine," with Mrs. Robin Dunsmuir, whose clear, well-trained soprano voice was heard to great advantage, her pure tone and correct phrasing being very effective. Mrs. Staneland sang "A Rose in Heaven" in a most artistic and devotional manner, and Mr. Edgar Fawcett played "Spohr's Adagio" for violin in his well-known efficient manner, this piece being well adapted for organ accompaniment.

Every dollar purchase entitles you to one guess how many yards of Ribbon? for the Solid Gold Watch, to be given by Santa Claus on January 1, 1904. Ribbon displayed in our north window. The S. Reid Co., Limited.

County Court. — Owing to the judges being otherwise employed the adjourned sittings of the county court, which were to have opened on Thursday, will be further adjourned until December 10th.

To Address Electors—Ralph Smith, M. P., will address the people of Sooke at Chartre's hall, West Sooke, this evening, and will speak at Metchosin on Wednesday.

Died at Hospital.—On Saturday at the Royal Jubilee Hospital the death occurred of William Sheppard, aged 34 years, a native of England. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 2:30 from the parlors of W. J. Hanna.

St. Andrew's Day.—Yesterday being St. Andrew's Day Chieftain R. Mowat, of Speyside Camp, Sons of Scotland, received the following greeting from A. Adams, chief of the camp at New Westminster: "Frae the Lord of the Isles to the chiels of Speyside: We'll aye haud St. Andrew's, whate'er may betide."

Important to Oddfellows.—The joint committee of the three city lodges will hold a special meeting on Wednesday evening next in the library of the Oddfellows' hall at 7.30 sharp to take into consideration the arrangements for a masquerade ball which is to be held during Christmas week.

The Salvation Army.—This evening, December 1st, there will be a farewell social in the Salvation Army hall. Mr. Ritchie will give some very fine views of "Home and Abroad." This social and entertainment is for the benefit of the officers who are leaving Victoria. Light refreshments will be served during the evening. A good time is expected.

Plowing Match.—The annual match of the Vancouver Island Plowing Association will be held on the farm of Mr. Wrigley, Saanichton, December 5th, commencing at 9 a. m. sharp. First class with false cut plows open to all comers. First prize, $17 and medal; second prize, $14; third prize, $12. For second and third class liberal prizes are offered.

Business Change.—Messrs. Wolfenden & Milington have just consummated the purchase of the Horseshoe saloon, Government street, and took over the premises last evening. The new firm intend making extensive alterations in many ways and making the old Horseshoe one of the most attractive and up-to-date saloons in the city. They invite their friends to call and investigate.

"Creation" Practice.—On Sunday evening after service a well-attended practice for the oratorio "The Creation" was held in the schoolroom of the Metropolitan Methodist Church. The orchestra was present and also Mr. Herbert Taylor, bass soloist. The work done showed the result of the conscientious hard preparation of the past six months. Tonight the final full rehearsal will be held in the church, starting at 8 o'clock sharp.

A Sad Mission.—W. C. Wells, former chief commissioner of lands and works, left Ottawa for this Coast on Tuesday last, but was summoned back on account of the serious illness of his aged mother, who is now sinking beyond recovery. He left Ottawa on Sunday for Vankleek Hill, where his mother resides, and intends to start for the Coast today. Mr. Wells is anxious to be in Victoria on account of the legislature sitting.

Bondsmen Left to Pay.—In chambers yesterday before Mr. Justice Drake, an application was made by Mr. Robertson on behalf of McLean et al, who were the bondsmen of Kells, who was charged with ill-treatment of a boy and admitted to bail in the sum of $250. Kells has left the province and the application made yesterday was seeking to have the order for the estreatment of bail set aside. By consent it was stood over until today.

Reserved Judgment. — The case brought against Chas. Cooper, an old man of seventy, employed by Brown & Cooper, by the S. P. C. A., who accuse him of having plucked a chicken without first having killed the fowl, was continued in the police court yesterday before Magistrate Hall, who, after hearing the evidence of a boy of having seen the accused plucking a live chicken and the flat denial of the accused, reserved his judgment for a week.

In Chambers.—In chambers yesterday the application made in the case of Johnstone vs. Oliver to postpone trial was withdrawn. Mr. Crease for plaintiff, F. B. Gregory, contra. An application was made in reference to the Land Registry Act re Chas. Hayward by Mr. Bradburn, for direction as to the service of the notice of tax sale. Service was directed to be made to Mrs. Cowgill. In the application for garnishee in the case of Watson vs. Corkish, an order nisi was made.

Being Enlarged.—Mr. K. Metro, of the Maryland restaurant and oyster house, Government street, is making alterations in his building which the steady growth of his business has necessitated. The foundation of quite a large extension to his building is already laid at the back, which is to be used as a kitchen, thus giving the whole of the present building for dining room purposes, which Mr. Metro intends bringing up to the highest notch of perfection as a first-class restaurant.

Fine Ore Exhibit.—A fine ore exhibit from Poplar Creek is to be seen at the show windows of Messrs Challoner & Mitchell, on Government street. It is in charge of J. W. Poole, manager, and E. M. Morgan, O. Hamilton and J. Dover, all shareholders in the Great Northern Mining Company, who own the Lucky Jack, Sweet Group and Oyster Criterion claims, the Lucky Jack being the one on which the great gold strike made last summer drew the attention of the mining world to that portion of British Columbia.

A Presentation.—The legislative hall was the scene of a pretty incident yesterday morning when in the presence of a number of fellow members Mr. R. L. Drury, M. P. P., presented Master Don Herbert, one of the pages, with a handsome volume of Bourinot's "Canada." The prize was won in open competition between the public schools of the city in the subject of Canadian History, and was taken on the same examination (midsummer, 1903) at which Master Herbert of the Boys' Central, captured the Governor-General's medal.

Commodore Coming. — Advices from Halifax are to the effect that Commodore Goodrich, with secretaries and domestic staff, will arrive on the Ionian, due on Friday next. He will leave immediately by the C. P. R. for the Pacific Coast, where he takes command of the British squadron. Company No. 58 Royal Artillery, leave Halifax on December 22nd, for Esquimalt to relieve the company stationed there. The 58th company will be about 150 strong. Ten of the men will be accompanied by their wives and families. The company will likely have a special train.

Soldiers and Sailors' Home.—An interesting entertainment was held last night at the Soldiers and Sailors' Home at Esquimalt. The programme was a good one. The Metropolitan Methodist church choir, which was present, contributed two choruses and two glees, and solos were given by Mr. G. Hicks, W. Ives and G. E. Bell. Dr. Morris presided, and Miss E. Hicks acted as accompanist. At the close of the entertainment, after Mr. Giffen had moved a vote of thanks to the choir and singers, Mr. H. D. Helmcken, who was present, and who has always taken a great interest in the welfare of the Soldiers and Sailors' Home, announced an entertainment which Mrs. H. D. Helmcken proposes to organize for the home during the coming holiday season, an announcement which was received with applause.

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Lord Dundonald's Visit.—Lieut.-Col. Holmes received a telegram from Lord Dundonald, sent from Calgary, last evening, instructing him to meet the commander-in-chief of the Canadian forces at Vancouver tomorrow. From Vancouver they proceed immediately north to Port Simpson on the D. G. S. Quadra. Returning from there, Victoria will be visited. Due notice of Lord Dundonald's arrival here will be given.

The "Cinderella."—The classes of Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Dickenson, held last night at Assembly hall, were well attended and an interesting evening was spent. The pupils are now arranging for the "Cinderella" ball, which is to be given at Assembly hall on Friday evening. Some misapprehension having arisen in regard to this event, it is stated by Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Dickenson that it is for adults. Many have formed the impression that it was to be a children's dance. The hall is being decorated for the occasion, and Bandmaster Finn's orchestra has been secured.

Chinese Will Not Be Executed

Three Men Held at Kamloops to be Hanged Friday Have Been Reprieved.

Government Will Probably Commute Death Sentence to Life Imprisonment.

Yesterday Chief Justice Hunter reprieved Sack Chun, Ah Gum and Gum Tai, the Chinese who were condemned to be hanged at Kamloops on Friday for the murder of Ah Chee at French Bar, where the Chinese were engaged in washing gold on the Fraser river. The three condemned men were reprieved for two weeks, to December 18th. Meanwhile J. P. Walls, appearing for two of the convicted Chinese, is applying for leave to move for a new trial, and on his having brought the matter before the Minister of Justice, the case of the Chinese has been brought before the Dominion cabinet. It is now probable that the government will commute the death sentence imposed on the three Chinese to imprisonment for life.

Ah Chee, the murdered man was the boss of the gold mining camp in which Ah Gum, and Gum Tai were engaged with him, and Sack Chun, an older man, had come to spend the night with them in their shack at French Bar, some fifty-five miles from Clinton. This was in June last. Ah Chee was murdered that night, and John McMillan, a provincial constable, who had been informed of the killing by Ah Sones and Ah Gum, one of the three condemned men, went to investigate. He found the bunk in which Ah Chee had slept covered with blood spots, some cigarette papers stained with blood and a pool of blood on the floor. Near by was a claw hammer which was stained with blood, this having, it was believed, been the weapon with which the murder was committed.

The body of the murdered man was not found, and later Sack Chun made a confession in which he told of having killed Ah Chee and dragged the body to the Fraser river over a trail and thrown the corpse into the river. His confession did not implicate the others, but the evidence adduced by the police showed strongly that it would have been impossible for the murder to have been committed without their implication, for all admitted having been present in the shack that night. Evidence was brought out implicating the other men, but Sack Chun in his confession, shouldered the blame for the crime, and the impression was that, as is done often in China, he had been bribed to stand the consequences of the crime.

For a certain sum of money to be paid to his relatives in China, it was believed, and this is generally accepted as being the motive of his confession in the upper country, that he stood ready to offer himself to the executioner to expiate the crime of all, but the law showed that the other Chinese were implicated, and all were sentenced to death, and were ordered to have been hanged at Kamloops on Friday morning. Owing to the absence of the body, and some conflicting evidence, the government, will probably commute the death sentence to imprisonment for life, and yesterday morning a reprieve was given to the three Chinese by the Chief Justice, who notified J. P. Walls, counsel for the accused to that effect. Telegrams were sent to the sheriff and warden at Kamloops notifying those officials of the reprieve.

ANOTHER LABOR SAVER.

The latest newcomer in the world of machinery is reported from McCloud, Cal., from which place is heralded the advent of the pneumatic timber cutter. The compressed air machine is said to be the invention of an Oregon railroad employee named Young, who has merely applied in lumbering a force that has for many years past demonstrated its effectiveness in mining and other enterprises in which drilling is necessary. The wonder is not that compressed air can be used in the forests, but that its use by the lumberman has been so long delayed after the air power has demonstrated its practicability in other fields of enterprise.

Of the pneumatic timber cutter's effectiveness, the report from McCloud states that it will in five minutes cut through a tree that would require an hour's work by two men. When the trees are felled other pneumatic cutters saw them into logs of the proper lengths, relegating the man with the ax to the work of doing the slashing. It is calculated that a gang of seven men at $2.00 a day, or $14.00 for the gang, will do as much in one day as could be accomplished by a gang of axmen whose services for the same time would cost $50.00.

However, the pneumatic machine is not introducing the saw as a timber cutter. The growing value of pine and other timber has made lumbermen careful as to the amount that is wasted at the stump, and saws have been used in the Northwest for some time past. By the employment of crosscut saws, with handpower, the stump has been shortened and the logs correspondingly increased in length. The introduction of compressed air in lumbering will save time as well as timber, and thus reduce the cost of producing lumber. It will vrey much reduce the amount of time required to cut over areas of timber, and thus hasten the work of deforestation.

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Projected Causway At Rock Bay

Dominion Government to Be Requested to Allow Filling In.

Tenders For the Printing of Voter's List to Be Called.

Only ordinary routine business occupied the attention of the city council last evening at the usual weekly meeting in the council chamber. His Worship the Mayor presided, and all the aldermen excepting Alderman Yates were present. Tenders for printing the voters' lists are to be called for, to be in by December 7th next.

A letter was read from Ald. Cameron, M. P. P., enclosing copy of Assessment Act, 1903. Letter received and filed and sender to be thanked.

R. P. Rithet & Co. offered to place signs on all the streets in the city. Signs to have advertisement on of Columbia flour manufactured by this firm at Enderby and Vernon, B. C.

Ald. Stewart moved and Ald Dinsdale seconded that letter be received and writer informed that the council cannot accept offer.

A letter from Messrs, Drake, Jackson and Helmcken was read on behalf of their client, Mr. Bertrucci, re expropriation of land on Douglas street extension. Referred to the streets' bridges and sewers committee for report.

A letter was received from Pemberton & Son re the removal of Mr. Phillips from the land now occupied by him. Mr. Topp was ordered to see the law enforced.

A letter requesting water main and surface drain for new building off Cadboro Bay road was received from Dr. Verrinder. Communication referred to water commissioner and city engineer for report.

Communication from the vice president of the Victoria Terminal Railway and Ferry Company was read, offering to pay for the repairs to First street from Bay to Market streets if the city will do the work. This letter was in confirmation of letter of June 2nd. This company also offered to pay full cost of repairing the streets traversed by their line of railway in strict accordance with their agreement with the city. Letter received and filed and city engineer instructed to proceed with repairs at once.

A letter was received from George Jeeves, calling attention to certain errors in the plumbing inspector's report.

A letter was received from the publishers of Gardiner's Complete Directory of Canada and Newfoundland requesting an order from the city council. Referred to finance committee.

Messrs. Hooper and Watkins certified that $5,000 has been expended up to date on the Carnegie Library building. Report received and left with the mayor to take the necessary steps to secure the money.

The city clerk's report, as follows, was submitted:

Gentlemen: I have the honor to inform you that since the last meeting of the city council the following communication have been received and referred to the city engineer for report, viz.:

D. Sprague, calling attention to the condition of the alleyway between Third and Fourth streets. A. H. Ridgman et al, directing attention to the condition of Frederick street.

J. E. Cowan (and five others), asking that a sidewalk be laid down on the south side of Pandora street from George street for a distance of about 200 feet also on the east side of George street from Pandora street, southward.

Windsor Grocery (and two others) calling attention to the needs of a crossing from the Metropolitan building to the post office.

Frank J. Sehl re bad condition of Pembroke street immediately above Quadra street.

Marietta Lee re condition of the ditch extending from Richmond road to Foul Bay road.

H. Brakes asking for a crossing to his house on corner or Howard and Lydia streets.

Report received.

The following letter was read from the city engineer:

Gentlemen: In accordance with instructions I have the honor to submit the following report of the work I consider necessary to be done to improve and strengthen the James bay retaining wall.

As previously instructed a cluster of piles has been driven as close together as possible for a distance of fifty feet on either side of the center line of wall and ten feet from the face of same; and since this work was done I am pleased to say no further movement has taken place.

I would now further recommend that the mud be dredged out in sections and hard bottom obtained a distance of thirty feet from each end, and twelve feet from the face of above mentioned cluster of piles. In this area so formed piles to be driven at five or six feet centres, the space between and outside of the piles to be filled in with rock up to the foundation level of present wall.

On these piles and rock filling a solid concrete platform fifteen feet wide be erected to high water line; from this point the work to be carried out to correspond with present wall as indicated by sketches Nos. 1 and 2.

In conclusion I may say, should either of the above plans be adopted, I have no hesitation in stating the same would add greatly to the appearance of the structure as well as making a substantial buttress at the point required.

Report adopted, clauses 3 and 4 being left over for future consideration.

Ald. Dinsdale said he thought their should be some limit placed on the expenditure and objected to the manner in which the work on the causeway was being carried out. In voting on the adoption of the report he voted nay.

The finance committee reported accounts to the amount of $4,507.25. Passed and appropriations made.

A further appropriation of $10,000 for extension of sewerage system was passed.

The report of the streets, sewers and bridges committee was read and adopted. The report reads as follows:

Your streets, bridges and sewers committee having considered the undermentioned subjects, begs to recommend the following for the adoption of the council.

Re Rock bay, resolved that the necessary steps be taken to obtain permission from the Dominion government to construct a permanent roadway across Rock bay in line with Bay street.

Recommended that a certain projection of rock, at the corner of Langford and Alston streets be removed. Estimated cost $60.

Recommended that the following sidewalks be laid: On Croft street, east side, estimated cost $148.00; Bellot street, north side, estimated cost $44; George street east side, estimated cost $71; Fourth street, from Hillside avenue, estimated cost $53.

Recommended that the sum of $75 be expended in repairing Pemberton road, and $30 in improving the alleyway between Third and Fourth streets.

Re communication from R. Muler C. E., engineer of His Majesty's dockyard, Esquimalt, desiring the use of the steam roller for a few days in January next. Recommended that Mr. Muler be informed that the council is willing to loan the roller as desired free of charge, on condition that the transportation of the same from the city to Esquimalt and back is undertaken by him, and that the running expenses (including the present engineer's pay during the time the roller is used at Esquimalt) and all respoonsibility for damage (if any) is assumed by him.

Ald Goodacre's motion that tenders be called for the printing of the voters' list was carried. Tenders are to be in by December 7th next.

The council then adjourned.

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and had not the criminal in the case had the misfortune of losing one-half of his—but I am anticipating events.

I had just returned from the continent where I had been sent in connection with the Duchess of Mentone's stolen jewels, and was prepared to enjoy a rest, when I received a wire from my chief asking me to report at once. Upon arriving at the office he told me that a robbery had been committed at the summer home of Mr. George Middleton, the millionaire, and that a detective had been wired for. As to the particulars, only one diamond had been stolen, a magnificent stone of great value intrinsically, and of incalculable worth to the family as an heirloom.

I set out at once. When I arrived I was at once taken to Mr. Middleton, who appeared very much upset over the affair, not so much, he assured me, on account of the value of the stone, but it had been so long in the family, having been passed down as an heirloom from one generation to another, that he viewed the loss as a very great calamity. The points of the case were briefly as follows:—On the previous night he had taken the diamond from the safe to show it to some of his guests, and Mrs. Middleton, who was to wear it at a ball on the following night, had taken it from him, and not thinking it necessary to place it in the safe for so short a time, had taken it to her bedroom and put it in a small casket on her dressing table.

THE NEXT MORNING

before going down stairs she would see if it was all right, and was astonished to see the casket empty. There were many guests in the house, and at my request I was to be introduced as a friend of Mr. Middleton. Before going into the drawing room I asked if he would be good enough to give me some particulars about the guests.

"Let me see," he said, "there are about twenty guests, mostly gentlemen. With the exception of three they are old friends of the family and above suspicion. The remaining three are gentlemen of high character. One of them is a Russian Count, who came to me with letters from intimate friends abroad, and one of the others is a man whom I met in the city, and our kindred tastes led me to invite him here for a few weeks; the other is a gentleman from town, greatly interested in dynamics and whom I met in my club. These are the only acquaintances that are here whom I have met during the last year."

I was then taken to the drawing room and introduced to most of the guests, among them the three new acquaintances. I gained nothing that night, and noticed nothing suspicious about any of the guests. I was rather inclined to think that the robbery had been committed from the inside, by either one of the servants or one of the guests, as all the doors had been found fastened on the morning after the robbery, and no one knew that the diamond was in the house (it was always kept at the bank) but the members of the household and the guests to whom it had been shown on the night of the robbery.

In the morning I asked the servant who brought me my coffee and rolls to come in, and I questioned him as to the guests, and if he had noticed any of the servants were in trouble over money matters.

"Now," I said to him, "have you noticed anything peculiar about any of the guests? No matter how trifling it may appear to you, it may be the means of providing me with a clue."

HE THOUGHT FOR A MOMENT

and then said that he had noticed nothing out of the common. He had just gone out of the room when he reappeared and told me that he had noticed one thing about one of the guests, but it could have nothing to do with the robbery. He had noticed that one of the men had always had his shoes cleaned while they were on his feet. He always collected all the shoes and took them down to be cleaned, but Mr. Dane, "the man who always talks about machinery and electricity to Mr. Middleton, always came and had them cleaned on his feet."

In the evening I had another talk with the man, and asked him to give me an account of everything that happened on the night of the robbery. He told me that the gentlemen had been out all day, and in the evening Mr. Middleton had sent an order to him to bring some apples into the drawing room, and it was soon after this that Mr. Middleton had gone and fetched the diamond from the safe.

I made a mental note of these facts. Later on I had a chat with Mr. Dane, and being myself something of an authority on dynamics, I was able to interest him. I was looking at him closely all the time we were talking. There was only one thing that distinguished him from any other guest. This was that half of one of his front teeth was missing; it had been broken off in almost exactly the middle.

I did not connect Mr. Dane with the robbery; in fact, I had up to this time not the slightest suspicion of a clue. It was early the next morning that I was put on the scent. I had visited the lawn under the window of the room from which the diamond had been stolen, and was looking to see if I could find any trace of footprints on the beds or the lawn. I did not find any trace of footprints, but I noticed

THE HALF OF AN APPLE

directly under the window. I picked it up and examined it carefully. As I was turning it over and over I was thinking and wondering how it came there. It must have been thrown there recently, otherwise it would have been swept up. Then it struck me that apples had been eaten on the night the diamond had been stolen, and I understood that no one had gone out that night. Of course, I thought, some one might have thrown it there since that night. Then I noticed a peculiarity of the marks of the teeth on the apple. About half of it had been eaten, and at every place where the apple had been bitten a small portion of the apple remained, a small ridge about an eighth of an inch in width and extending the entire length of the bite. I saw in a moment who had been eating the apple. It was the man with the broken tooth Mr. Dane, and the ridge was left where the missing tooth must have bitten. Now it occurred to me that it was just possible that after Mr. Middleton had given the diamond to his wife (which was just after the apples had been brought in) Mr. Dane had followed her and taken his partly finished apple with him.

After she had left the room, leaving the diamond in the casket, he had gone in, and, when opening the box, had put the apple down, and not knowing exactly what to do with it had opened the window, which opened after the fashion of a door, and had thrown it down on the grass below.

ANOTHER THOUGHT STRUCK ME

Why did Mr. Dane have his shoes cleaned on his feet, instead of having them cleaned as the other guests did? There must be some reason for this, unless it was a fad. I asked my confidential servant which was Mr. Dane's bedroom, and in the evening when Mr Dane was in the drawing room, with his pumps on, I went to his room, and, as I expected, I could not find his shoes. I could, however, give a guess that they were in a large box which stood in the corner of the room. Further evidence: Why did he keep his shoes locked up in his box? I pulled a bunch of keys out of my pocket, and tried to unlock the padlock, but not one key in my possession would fit the lock. The next morning by six o'clock I was being driven to a locksmith with the purpose of obtaining fresh keys.

On the evening of that day I watched for the appearance of Mr. Dane with a certain amount of excitement. I felt as though I was going to find the diamond that night. Presently he appeared as usual in his pumps, and challenged me to a game of billiards. I would rather not have played, but I accepted his challenge and we had a game.

IT SEEMED A TERRIBLY LONG GAME.

but at last it was finished, and he made his way to the smoking room, while I made my way to his bed room. I closed and locked the door, and then started to try the various keys. Almost the first key fitted, and I opened the box and got out the shoes. They were of common make, and their appeared to be nothing out of the way about them. I noticed, however, a little cut in the heel of the right shoe, and I put my finger in this cut and gave it a pull, but it remained firm.

I examined it very carefully, and discovered the head of a nail driven into the heel from the side and as this could serve no purpose there, and moreover as it was blackened over so that it could hardly be seen without very close inspection, I naturally thought it might have some purpose, so I got my knife from my pocket, and putting it under the head levered it. It came out easy enough, and I then pulled the top of the heel right off, and there, snugly resting in a bed of cotton wool, lay the missing diamond!

I took it out and looked at it by the light of the candle. It was a magnificent stone, and I could see of immense value.

At this moment some one tried the door, and I fancied I heard an exclamation of rage, and then a hurrying of feet down stairs. I rushed toward the door, and was just in time to see Mr. Dane disappearing out of a door which led into the grounds. I shouted out to the gentlemen that

THE MAN WHO STOLE THE DIAMOND

was but a few yards away, and they joined in the pursuit. We were not long in catching him.

Mr. Middleton would not at first believe it was Mr. Dane who stole the diamond, but when I showed him the shoe with the sliding heel he realized how his confidence had been abused.

So you see that criminals should be very careful if they have any part of their anatomy missing, even if it is only the half of a tooth. Mr. Dane is still in the stone business, but in prison.

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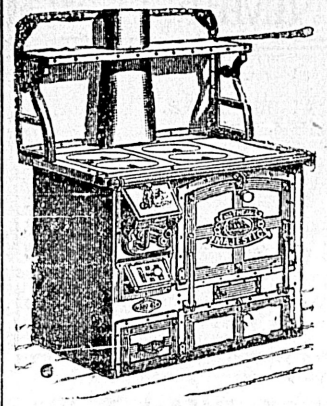

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Victoria	9:00	12:06	Victoria	3:00	7:00
Shawnigan Lake	10:20	10:46	Shawnigan Lake	4:20	5:40
Duncans	11:00	10:02	Duncans	5:00	5:00
Ladysmith	11:57	9:10	Ladysmith	6:05	4:00
Nanaimo	12:40	8:20	Nanaimo	6:41	3:15
Arv. Wellington	12:53	Lv. 8:00	Ar. Wellington	7:03	Lv. 3:00

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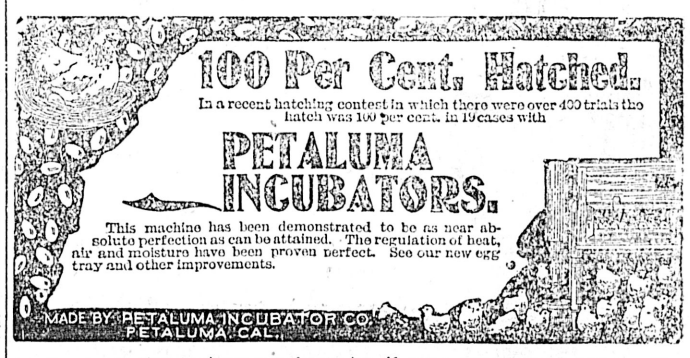

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American Car & Foundry	18
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe	66⅛
Baltimore & Ohio	16⅛
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	39⅝
Chicago & Alton	32⅛
Canadian Pacific Railway	117½
Canadian Southern	66½
Chesapeake & Ohio	30⅛
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul	138
Consolidated Gas	178
Colorado Fuel & Iron	142½
Delaware & Hudson	156
General Electric	156⅞
Kansas & Texas	17½
Kansas & Texas pfd	37¾
Louisville & Nashville	104¾
Missouri Pacific	90½
New York Central	117¼
Erie Railway	27¼
Erie Railway 1st pfd	66⅞
Erie Railway 2nd pfd	48½
New York, Ontario & Western	20½
Pennsylvania Railway	14½
Philadelphia & Reading	14
Philadelphia & Reading 1st pfd	75¼
Rock Island Certificates	148⅝
Southern Railway	19½
Southern Railway pfd	77
Southern Pacific	46⅛
Tennessee Coal & Iron	28½
Texas Central	13½
United States Steel	10⅞
United States Steel pfd	51¾
Union Pacific	74¼
Wabash Railway pfd	35
Wisconsin Central	16½
Wisconsin Central pfd	37¼
Commercial Cable	165
C. P. R. in London	121

London, Nov. 30.—Lead, £11, 3s 9d.
New York, Nov. 30.—Lead, $4.10.

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Straw, per ton	10 00

THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office.
Victoria, Nov. 30.—8 p. m.

SYNOPSIS.

There are indications of another ocean storm area approaching Vancouver Island. It will probably cause another general rain west of the Cascades and southerly gales on the Coast. The weather has been fair and mild during the last 12 hours, accompanied by light winds and local fogs. The mild weather also extends eastward to Alberta.

TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	48	54
New Westminster	46	54
Kamloops	40	46
Barkerville	34	36
Dawson	10	12
Calgary	34	40
Winnipeg	16	..
Portland, Ore.	46	62
San Francisco	50	56

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific time) Tuesday:

Victoria and Vicinity: Easterly or southerly winds, unsettled and mild with occasional rains.

Lower Mainland: Light or moderate winds, unsettled and mild with rain.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Observations taken daily at 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m.

SUNDAY, NOV. 29.

	Deg.		Deg.
5 a.m.	44	Mean	46
Noon	49	Highest	49
5 p.m.	49	Lowest	43

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows.

5 a.m. ..... 4 miles north.
Noon ..... 2 miles north.
5 p.m. ..... 4 miles east.

Average state of weather—Rainy.
Rain—.55 inches.
Barometer at noon—Observed 30.050
Corrected 30.080

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p. m.—Corrected 30.12

MONDAY, NOV. 30.

	Deg.		Deg.
5 a.m.	48	Mean	51
Noon	54	Highest	54
5 p.m.	49	Lowest	48

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m. ..... Calm.
Noon ..... 2 miles north.
5 p.m. ..... Calm.

Average state of weather—Cloudy.
Rain—.21 inch.
Sunshine—1 hour 54 minutes.
Barometer at noon—Observed 30.020
Corrected 30.047
Mean temperature for November 44.41
Precipitation for Nov. vember—Rain, 4.51; melted snow, 1:48. Total, 5.99 inches.
Total precipitation for 1903 todate, 23.61 inches.

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Barometer at 5 p. m.—Corrected 30.02

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SOUTH VICTORIA LICENSE DISTRICT.

A sitting of the Board of License Commissioners for the License District of South Victoria, will be held at the Provincial Police Office at the City of Victoria, on Tuesday the 15th day of December proximo, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, when the undermentioned applications will be dealt with:

Name of Applicant.	Description of License.	Name of Hotel.	Location of Premises.
J. W. Rowland	Hotel	Burnside	Burnside Road
John Camp	Hotel	Prairie	Saanichton
Harry Maynard	Hotel	Royal Oak	Saanich Road
J. Chamberlain	Hotel	Willows	Cadboro Bay Road
E. M. Ewing	Hotel	Victoria Gardens	Gorge Road

F. R. MURRAY,
Chief License Inspector.

Victoria, B. C., Nov. 30, 1903.

NOTICE.

NORTH VICTORIA LICENSE DISTRICT.

A sitting of the Board of License Commissioners for the License District of North Victoria will be held at the Provincial Police Office at Mayne, on Tuesday, the 15th day of December proximo, at twelve o'clock in the forenoon, when the undermentioned applications will be dealt with:

Name of Applicant.	Description of License.	Name of Hotel.	Location of Premises.
W. M. Robson	Hotel	Mayne Island	Mayne Island
Eustace Maude	Hotel	Point Comfort	Mayne Island
Mrs. Isabella Wright	Hotel	North Saanich	North Saanich
Wm. Jensen	Hotel	Sidney Hotel	Sidney

A. M. EGO,
Chief License Inspector.

Victoria, B. C., Nov. 30th, 1903.

NOTICE.

ESQUIMALT LICENSE DISTRICT.

A sitting of the Board of License Commissioners for the License District of Esquimalt, will be held at the Old School House at the town of Esquimalt, on Tuesday, the 15th day of December proximo, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, when the undermentioned applications will be dealt with:

Name of Applicant.	Description of License.	Name of Hotel.	Location of Premises.
John Day	Hotel	Esquimalt	Esquimalt
A. W. vonRhein	Hotel	Globe	Esquimalt
Mrs. Catherine Williams	Hotel	Ship Inn	Esquimalt
Fred Stetson	Hotel	Ship	Esquimalt
Victor T. Howard	Hotel	Howard's	Esquimalt
Hugh Simpson	Hotel	Coach and Horses	Esquimalt Road
B. Quinn	Hotel	New Inn	Esquimalt Road
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James Phair	Hotel	Goldstream	Goldstream
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Private Bills Notice.

The time limited by the Rules of the House for receiving Petitions for Private Bills will expire on the seventh day of December, 1903.

Bills must be presented to the House not later than the 17th day of December, 1903.

Reports from Committees on Private Bills will not be received after the 24th day of December, 1903.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

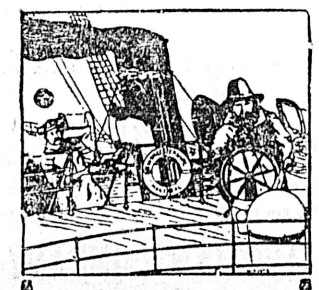
In the Matter of the "Winding Up Act" and Amending Acts; and in the Matter of the Boundary and Beaverton Mining Company, Limited, Non-Personal Liability.

Notice is hereby given that the Honorable Mr. Justice Walkem has fixed the 16th day of December, 1903, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon at the Chamber Court, in the Court House, Bastion Square, Victoria, B. C., as the time and place for the appointment of an official liquidator of the above-named company.

And notice is hereby also given that a meeting of the shareholders and creditors of the above-named company will be held in the Chamber Court of the Court House, Bastion Square, in the City of Victoria, on Monday, the 14th day of December, A. D. 1903, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of ascertaining the wishes of the shareholders and creditors of the company, as to the appointment of a liquidator, and at the said meeting the shareholders and creditors of the said company may be represented and vote by proxy, but a creditor shall only be entitled to be present in person or by proxy on filing an affidavit as to the nature and amount of his claim with the Registrar of the Supreme Court of British Columbia at Victoria, B. C., before noon on Monday, the said 14th day of December, 1903.

Dated this 28th day of November, A. D., 1903.

A. S. INNES,
Law Chambers, Bastion Street, Victoria, B. C., Solicitor for the Petitioner.



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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Estate of Robert John Russell, Deceased.

Take notice that pursuant to the Trustees and Executors Act, all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the above deceased, are requested to send by post or deliver to the undersigned on or before the 14th of December, 1903, their Christian and surname, addresses and descriptions the full particulars of their claims, the statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which notice as above shall have been given, and that the said executors will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received at the time of such distribution.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 13th day of November, 1903

McPHILLIPS, WOOTTON & BARNARD,
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In the Matter of the Estate of William Dodds, late of 207 Fort street, Victoria, B. C., Florist, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the "Trustees and Executors Act," that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the said William Dodds, who died on the 4th day of November, 1903, are requested on or before the 21st day of December, 1903, to send by post or deliver to the undersigned solicitor for Ernest Miller Haynes, the executor of the last will of the deceased, to whom probate was granted by the Supreme Court of British Columbia, on the 19th day of November, 1903, their addresses and descriptions, with full particulars of their claims, the statement of their accounts, and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them.

And notice is further given, that after said date the said executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard to the claims of which he then shall have notice, and the said executor will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof, to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by him at the time of said distribution.

ALAN S. DUMBLETON,
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Dated this 20th day of November, 1903.

WANTED—FEMALE HELP.

WANTED—A responsible girl to assist with two children; also upstairs work. Must have references. Apply Mrs. R. Nash, Pemberton road, between the hours of 1 and 2:30 p. m. n25

WANTED—Girl; 49 Heywood avenue. n29

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WANTED—Ward maid. Apply Matron Jubilee Hospital. d1

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LOST—Between Rupert street and corner Cook and Yates, small locket with initials A. L. H., 2 photos; of no value to any one but owner. Finder please leave at 92 Johnson street and receive reward. d1

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Legislative Assembly

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sire to put the government out of power by any but by just, fair and legal means. What his honor probably meant was that the opposition should agree to everything brought in by the government, good or bad, and thereby show their patriotism. He (Mr. Macdonald) was not enough of a party man to believe that there could be no good in any Conservative government, but he had no confidence in the present government. He believed that the people would resent any interference with their constitutional rights, or any reflection upon the patriotism of the members of the House. He believed the appeal was probably made to the House because of something that had happened between the 3rd of October and the present time. Referring to the Fernie ballot box affair, he said he considered it to be wrong that the government, having the machinery of power in its hands, should appoint the man it had done in that riding to be returning officer. Mr. Macdonald then recounted at some length the circumstances already published regarding the sending of the box to the provincial secretary, and contended that the provincial secretary and his colleagues did not do the patriotic thing in failing to send back the box notifying the official that it had been sent prematurely, and asking him to carry out the spirit of the law. He hoped the "wrong which had been done to Fernie riding" would be rectified, the depriving of the people of that constituency of their right to be heard in this case. (Opposition applause.)

The Premier was hailed with hearty applause as he rose to speak. He began by congratulating the hon. member for Ymir and his colleague for Fernie, upon their creditable performance in moving and seconding the adoption of the address. In an experience of five years in that House, he could not recall better speeches by new members. It was a pleasure to find the new element in the House containing two such speakers. No doubt the speeches they had made were simply in earnest of many more fine efforts which they would make during the session. They both had dealt in a businesslike manner with the questions of the day, unaffectedly, without attempt at oratory. The Premier then paid sincere compliments to Mr. Macdonald, the leader of the opposition, for his clever speech, and assured him that in the high office to which he had been called he had the confidence of the House and of the country. No one was more sensible than himself that the position of leader of the opposition was one of great responsibility. Coming next to the remarks of the leader of the opposition regarding the address, remarks which he had listened to with great pleasure, he might congratulate the leader of the opposition upon his first deliverance in the House, and in his responsible position, which was only second in importance to that of leader of the government; calling as it did for the exercise of great energies and a large amount of parliamentary work, especially when there were such important matters before the House for settlement. The selection of his hon. friend opposite was a wise one, and those who chose him as leader of the Liberal party had the best interests of the party at heart. In saying so he had no intention of casting any reflection whatsoever upon the other hon. members of the opposition. The Premier said that he must admit that the criticisms made by his hon. friend were well brought out. Having had the address before him for four days back, he had not spared himself in making up his criticisms. And his hon. friend's speech probably contained the most serious criticism that could be made upon the government. They had heard the harshest attacks that could be made upon the government's acts and policy. Yet all that that criticism amounted to was an attack on the 2 per cent. tax on ore, which had caused a good deal of agitation throughout the mining districts of the province. The Premier said he could relate here to his hon. friend what he had gone through as minister of mines in the Dunsmuir government. It was a fact that not one dividend-bearing mine could be found in the province. It was the intention of the government to abolish that tax altogether, because it was believed that its imposition was keeping back from the Kootenay the investment of millions of dollars which might be invested there. He then pointed to the position of the wholesalers of British Columbia, who for years have been compelled to pay personal and property tax, although running behind to the tune of thousands of dollars annually. The government was, of course, in a very difficult position; what were they to do? Nothing had been forthcoming so far as to the solution of the mining tax problem. The hon. leader of the opposition had failed to give any scheme of taxation; he had contented himself with telling about a mine at Rossland worth half a million dollars which paid the same amount of taxes as one valued at $500. He appealed to the hon. leader of the opposition to suggest some practical scheme, as he felt sure the hon. member could, representing as he did a very important mining constituency. It was the intention of the government to bring in a scheme of taxation against the mining industry of the country. The government was determined to live up to its promises to the people of the country. The circumstances which have called the legislature together are of an extraordinary nature. Before the recent election campaign he had not realized fully the true position of the finances of the province; but no sooner did he realize the position and saw the expediency of calling the House together at as early a date as possible. The provincial financial position was not in such a serious condition before the elections as it afterwards developed. The sum and substance of the whole position is, he thought, that with the other industries of the country, the mining industry must contribute to the revenue of the country. If the 2 per cent. tax is not right, then they must have some other method. He asked the gentlemen opposite for some definite scheme, and if it were a better scheme than that which the government would submit in due course, he would gladly drop the government's scheme and accept that of the opposition. It behooved the opposition to come forward and make such suggestions as would do away with the agitation which had proved so harmful to the fair name of British Columbia.

He said he would like to see the burden of taxation lifted from the miners and prospectors of the country so far as the circumstances of the case would permit. As was well known, British Columbia was a very costly country to govern, and he then detailed some of the obstacles which the government had to encounter in opening up new territory, and how exacting such work was on the treasury. Partly on that account the government had to exact from the miners and prospectors taxes which were a very heavy burden. It was hard that such burdens should have to be placed upon the shoulders of men who had done, and who were doing, so much to open up and bring British Columbia to the front. He would gladly hail the day when the government could lift from the shoulders of these people this heavy burden. But how were they going to solve the problem? The moment any industry is touched and it is proposed to tax it a little more than before, that moment is to be found opposition more hostile; delegates and other representatives besiege the government telling them that additional taxation should be got from others sources. If those people could show the government where those other sources of revenue could be got, well and good, but they never did. Unless there was an anxiety and serious effort on the part of the opposition to help out in the legislation which was to be brought in within a few days, he would be inclined to question very much the good faith of the opposition. The Premier then turned to a discussion of the New Westminster bridge, and pointed out that when completed it would give to Westminster, Vancouver and the Fraser valley a competitive system of railway to the C. P. R.. It would not be a revenue producer all at once, but within a year or two it will more than meet the amount of the interest, and each succeeding year will see it more productive: It was hardly necessary for him to do more than remark that the great expenditures on that structure had gone a good way to bring about the present financial crisis. He was not a part to that expenditure. The leader of the opposition had attempted to show that the reason why previous governments had got into trouble was because of the slim majorities with which they had to get along. He might just mention to his hon. friend opposite that the Dunsmuir government suffered from no such inconvenience, and if was under that government that the expenditure for the bridge over the Fraser had been undertaken, and the expenditure for roads and bridges had been carried on along very generous lines. He would not believe that the governments of British Columbia were nearly so much to blame as some of their critics would have them believe. He pointed to the fact that there was an agitation throughout the world owing to the difficulty of securing money. English consols are now away below what they have been for years past. In New York money is very difficult to secure; even in the well-governed province of Ontario of

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Empress of China Sails--Port Simpson Now a Port of Call.

Steamer Athenian of the C. P. R., Capt. Evans, which arrived from the Orient on Sunday morning, missed the heavy gale which damaged the Indravelli, although the barometer gave plain evidence that somewhere a terrific storm must have been raging, for the glass fell lower than it has been seen on the Pacific for some time. The passage was, though, a moderate one, though not without a couple of stiff blows with high seas. No damage resulted, however, and the passenger list was a slim one. There were eight in the saloon, W. W. Clark of Hongkong, Surgeon W. E. Rutledge, R. N., from Hongkong, and W. J. Sedgewick, U. S. N., from Manila, and five young Chinese bound to educational institutions in the United States. The steamer had a smaller complement of Chinese than usual, of whom fifteen landed here, and there were 36 Japanese for Vancouver, none being landed here. The steamer had a fair cargo of 2,200 tons, including heavy shipments of silk. She proceeded to Vancouver early Sunday morning.

Steamer Hyades of the Boston Tugboat Company, which left Yokohama soon after the C. P. R. liner, is now due from Hongkong, and the other usual ports of call in the Far East, and the steamer Shawmut from Manila and ports—she sailed from Yokohama on November 24th—is also expected to arrive shortly. The steamer Oanfa of the China Mutual line, will come to Victoria via San Francisco. The big freighter which is en route from Liverpool via the Orient, sailed from Yokohama on November 21st for San Francisco direct, and she will come thence to Victoria. The steamer Indrapura of the Portland & Asiatic line, which left Yokohama on Thursday last is also coming to Victoria, bringing a number of Chinese who are en route to Victoria. There are four other liners en route—a total fleet of seven large vessels—on the way from Yokohama to Victoria. The Empress of India left the Japanese port on November 27th, the Iyo Maru on the 17th, being due next Tuesday, and the Pleiades on November 30th.

The steamer Empress of China of the Canadian Pacific line, sailed from Victoria last night for the Orient, having a fair cargo of general merchandise, including heavy flour shipments for the ports of the Orient. The passengers of the liner included Leung Kai Chew, the well-known Chinese reformer, and Pow Chee, his secretary, en route to Yokohama, which is as near China as they dare go, for there is a standing offer of one hundred thousand taels for the head of Leung Kai Chew. Other passengers were Mr. Arkwright, Rev. G. H. Bondfield, S. M. Bewick, A. J. H. Carlill, S. E. Cameron, W. H. Gill, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Glass, Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. Glass, J. A. Hutchison, Miss M. Kirkwood, William Martin, Miss K. Morgan, C. Mosle, Mr. MacLean, Mr. Orange, Rev. F. N. Scott, Mrs. F. N. Scott, S. Abukota, C. D. Wilkinson, J. W. Wilkinson. The Princess Beatrice acted as tender to her.

IN HEAVY GALE.

Ship W. H. Macy in Big Blow Off the Queen Charlottes.

The ship W. H. Macy, which has just arrived at San Francisco from Loring with salmon, was in a terrific gale off Queen Charlotte Island on November 8th and 9th, for a part of the time being on her beam ends. Both southeast and southwest gales were experienced at that time, and the ship had a narrow escape from destruction. The seas washed overboard the water tanks, stove in two boats, washed another boat from the forward house, sprung the rudder head and blew away some of the sails. In the height of the storm, it is reported, the ninety-five Chinese on board, huddled below in the greatest fear, and only reappeared when the gales had passed and the ship was once again on a level keel. In addition to the Chinese the Macy brought fifty Japanese and forty white men and boys who have been employed at the canneries.

CAPTAIN EXONERATED.

Government Inspectors Find Fault With Charles Nelson's Officers.

The U. S. government inspector of hulls and boilers that investigated the loss of the steamship Charles Nelson, filed their report yesterday. It exonerates the master of the Nelson and his officers from all blame in connection with the casualty, and adds:

"Moreover, great credit is due to Capt. Gunderson for the able and courageous way in which he coped with the grave danger which threatened the lives and property under his charge."

AN IMPORTANT PORT.

Port Simpson Will be Made a Port of Call of Northern Liners.

According to the Vancouver Province, Port Simpson has become such a well known place since the Grand Trunk promoters mentioned it as a possible terminus on the Pacific coast, that travel to it has increased to such an extent that the C. P. R. has decided to have the steamer Amur make regular calls there. Commencing with her next sailing north from this port on December 6th, the steamer Amur will call at Port Simpson both north and south bound. Besides the calls to be made by the Amur, Port Simpson will remain in possession of the bi-monthly service furnished by the steamer Tees.

THE MOANA.

Arrangements Made to Send Her Mail via San Francisco.

Steamer Moana will miss a trip in all probability as a result of her accident, for she has still to wait a week before the flagship will leave the drydock to allow her to enter the dock at Esquimalt. In the meantime models are being made for the castings needed to replace that broken by the recent accident at William Head. A new steel casting for her broken quadrant, a new rudder post and a shoe are needed as well as some new propeller blades. An Ottawa despatch of yesterday says the government has made arrangements to send her mail outward via San Francisco on December 10th.

MARINE NOTES.

Steamer Tees will leave tonight for Naas and way ports.

Steamer Nell is down from Queen Charlotte and Northern B. C. ports. News was brought by the steamer of a boat accident as a result of which Walter Rudge and two men named Leighton had a narrow escape from being drowned. They were starting for Metlakatlah, when their boat turned over and one of the Leightons swam ashore, while the other Leighton and Mr. Rudge came ashore on the upturned boat.

H. M. S. Flora's boat crew has won the contest for the Rear Admiral's cup, having defeated the Egeria's crew in a race from Albert Head to Esquimalt.

PARISIAN UNDERGROUND.

Two Accidents on Metropolitan Railway Cause Great Excitement.

Paris, Nov. 30.—There were two accidents on the Metropolitan Underground Railway today, but there was no loss of life. In each case a car was burned between stations, causing the passengers to escape along the tracks. As the accidents occurred in open stretches of track the dense smoke escaped and the dangers of suffocation were avoided. The first report had it that another catastrophe had occurred which caused great excitement throughout the city.

New Klondike In the North

New Gold Laden Creeks Located in Northwest---Petroleum Also Discovered.

Finds Made in Lake Kluhane Country Will Cause Big Stampede in Spring.

News was received by the steamer Amur which arrived Sunday, of new discoveries in the Lake Kluhane district, a region on the northern borders of British Columbia, which is believed to be a second Klondike, and whither a big stampede will occur in the spring. Two new creeks have been found near Bullion—Nugget and Galena creeks—both of which are said to be as rich as Bullion, whose riches caused the first stampede, and furthermore finds of petroleum and coal have been made.

A new townsite to be known as Bullion City has been located and recorded. The townsite is to be surveyed at once. In the meanwhile a number of new buildings are to be erected without delay. Twenty prospectors have outfitted at White Horse and started back for the new diggings, and the Skagway Alaskan says that there are from forty to fifty preparing to follow. Road houses are to be built en route. It is believed that by spring 3,000 prospectors will be on the ground.

H. E. Porter, one of the best prospectors in the Yukon, and the first man to stake on Bullion after the discoverers, has found and located a natural flowing petroleum well on the left limit of Bullion creek about 1,200 feet from the creek, opposite forty below. The oil is in its crude state, but after being rendered out it will burn with the same brilliancy as refined coal oil. Mr. Porter and several others who have witnessed the test are highly elated over the find.

There seems to be no limit to the possibilities of this camp. Several miners who arrived at White Horse before the Amur sailed, from Bullion creek, who were among the first to reach the diggings, and who spent several days there looking over the creeks. All speak in glowing terms of the new camp. Charles Ward, Charles Swanson, A. R. Gordon and Paul Hogan reached Bullion creek on the morning of November 5th and spent nine days looking over the camp. They located discoveries on two new creeks and found flattering prospects on each.

Nugget creek, one of the new creeks, is located about nine miles this side of Bullion, where the trail goes down the steep hill (all who were there will remember this creek), and about eight miles up the creek, where the formation and wash are identical with that of Bullion and Sheep. There are two pups emptying into this creek. The discoverers found rim rock near the upper pup, built a small fire out of brush (as it is above timber line) and thawed out three small pans of dirt, which washed out 90 cents, including a little nugget worth 40 or 50 cents. This nugget gave the creek its name. When they left the creek there were nine claims staked. Nugget creek looks good for five or six miles.

A. R. Gordon and P. F. Hogan located a big coal vein on Sheep creek which crops out and parallels the creek for over half a mile. Mr. Porter, who spent several years in the employ of the Canadian government with its geological surveyors, pronounces it candle coal, which is to be found only in coal regions. The surface croppings will burn readily and emit one continuous bright blaze while being consumed, which is almost a sure indication of candle coal.

Galena creek is situated between Sheep and Bullion creeks, on the opposite side of Slim's river, and heads near Nugget creek. Good prospects were found on this creek, but owing to the intense cold weather, very little prospecting was done, as it was so difficult to wash out the dirt in freezing water. A beautiful piece of galena ore was found in the creek wash, hence the name of the creek. The formation of this creek is identical with that of the others, the high mountains come down on either side similar to those on Bullion. This creek looks good for six or seven miles, as far up as the discoverers went. When they left the camp there were twelve or fourteen claims staked on this creek.

Up to the present time there have been more than 300 prospectors in the Bullion creek camp, and not one can be found who is not highly pleased with the camp, and nearly all intend to return on the snow and prepare for the summer's work.

A well-known and thoroughly reliable prospector said to the White Horse correspondent of the Skagway Alaskan: "No doubt this will prove to be the greatest poor man's camp ever discovered in the Yukon or Alaska, as bedrock is not over from two to ten feet deep on any of the creeks found and the gravel is certainly rich."

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